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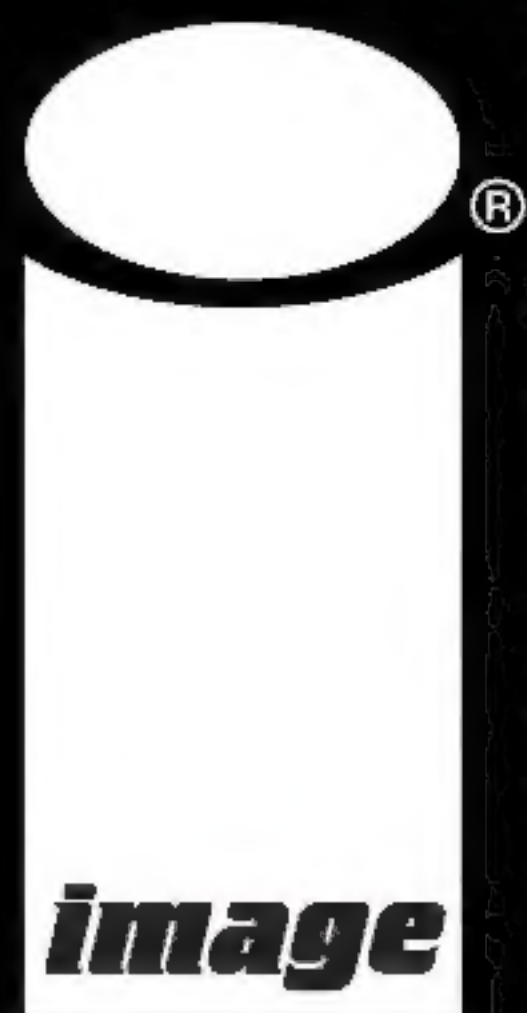
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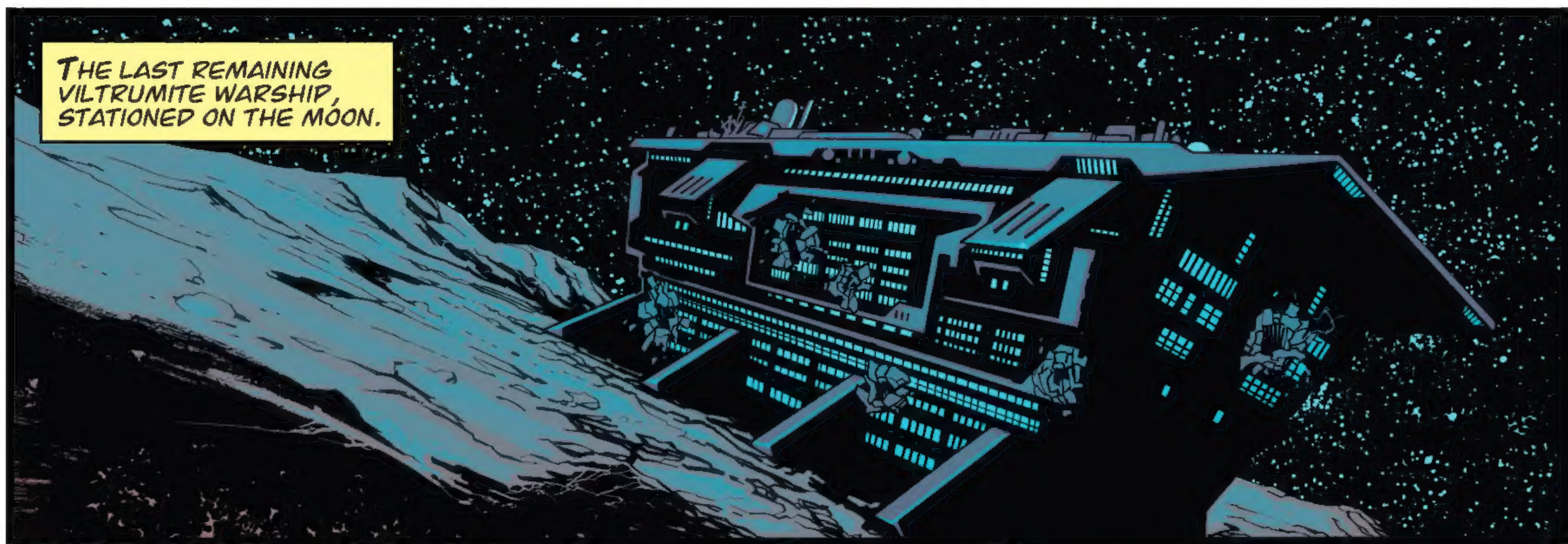
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THE LAST REMAINING  
VILTRUMITE WARSHIP,  
STATIONED ON THE MOON.



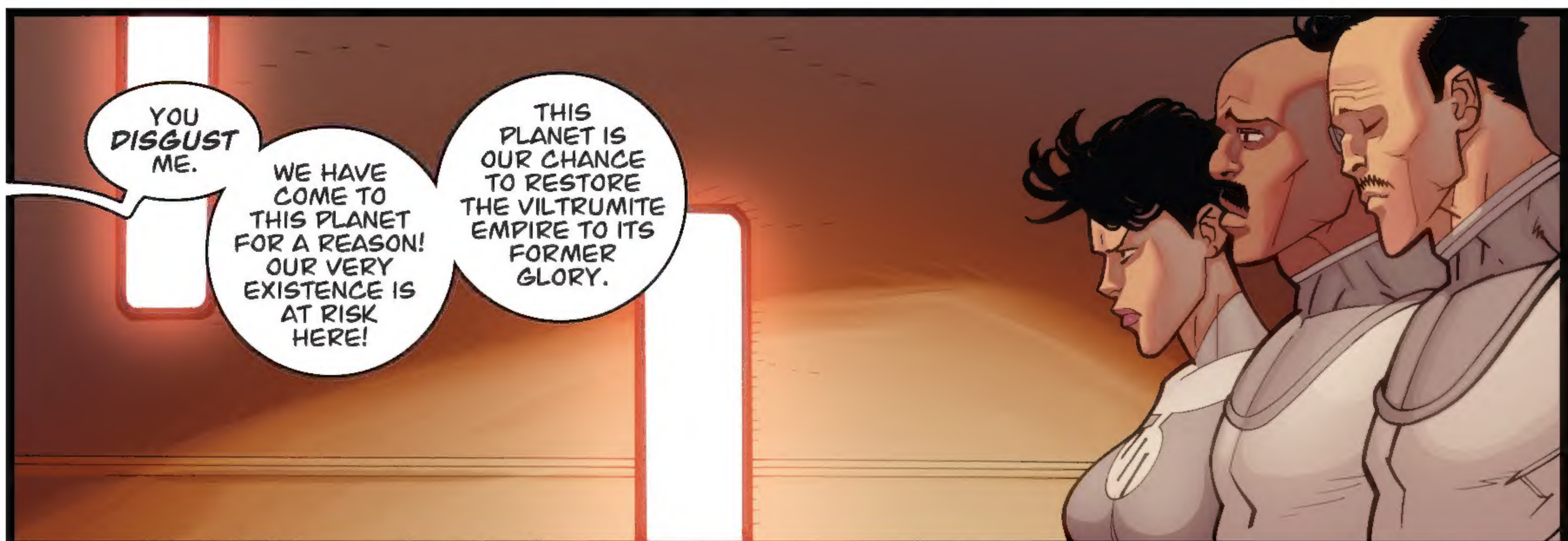
YOUR BEHAVIOR IS  
UNACCEPTABLE!



YOU  
DISGUST  
ME.

WE HAVE  
COME TO  
THIS PLANET  
FOR A REASON!  
OUR VERY  
EXISTENCE IS  
AT RISK  
HERE!

THIS  
PLANET IS  
OUR CHANCE  
TO RESTORE  
THE VILTRUMITE  
EMPIRE TO ITS  
FORMER  
GLORY.



AND YET, YOU  
REFUSE TO  
PROCREATE.



YOU RISK DETECTION  
BY MEDDLING IN  
THE EVENTS ON  
EARTH.



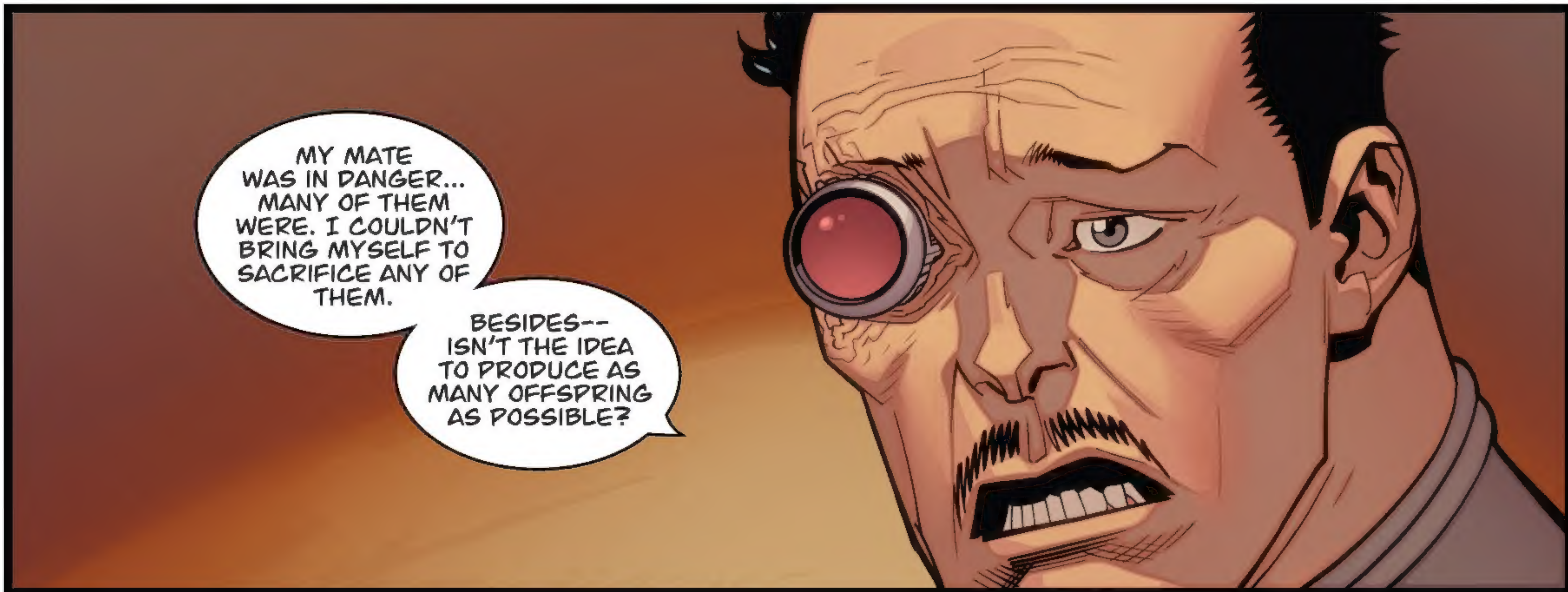
YOU REFUSE TO  
PROCREATE WITH  
MORE THAN ONE  
HUMAN!





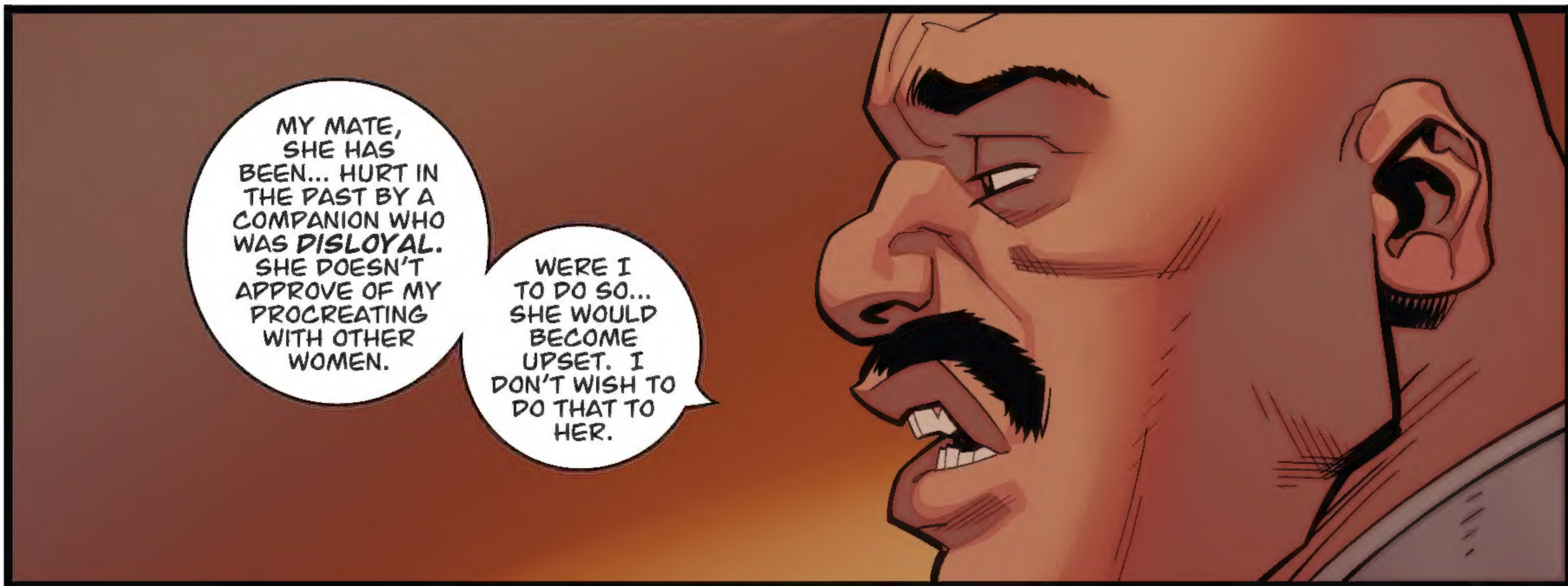


I HAVE NEVER WANTED TO PRODUCE OFFSPRING. I'M AWARE OF MY RESPONSIBILITIES... BUT I EXPECT YOU TO RECOGNIZE THE DIFFERENCE IN WHAT YOU'RE ASKING **ME** TO DO, AND WHAT MY MALE COUNTERPARTS ARE DOING.



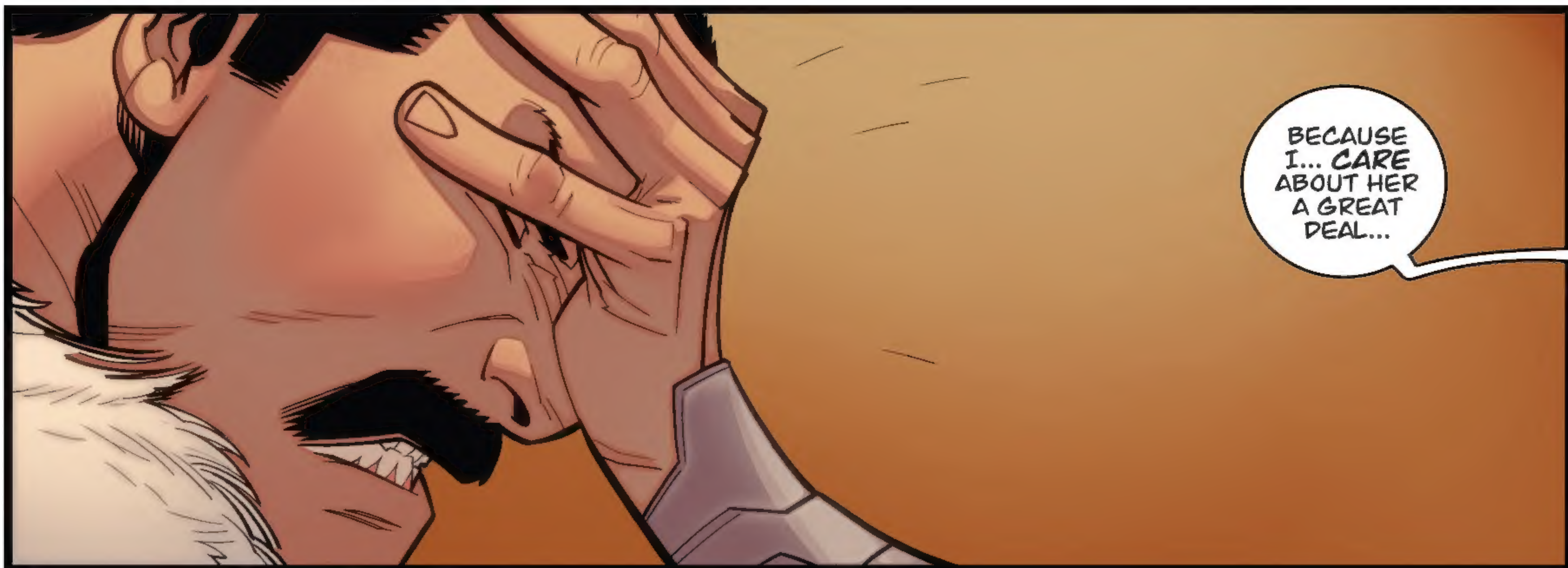
MY MATE WAS IN DANGER... MANY OF THEM WERE. I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO SACRIFICE ANY OF THEM.

BESIDES--- ISN'T THE IDEA TO PRODUCE AS MANY OFFSPRING AS POSSIBLE?



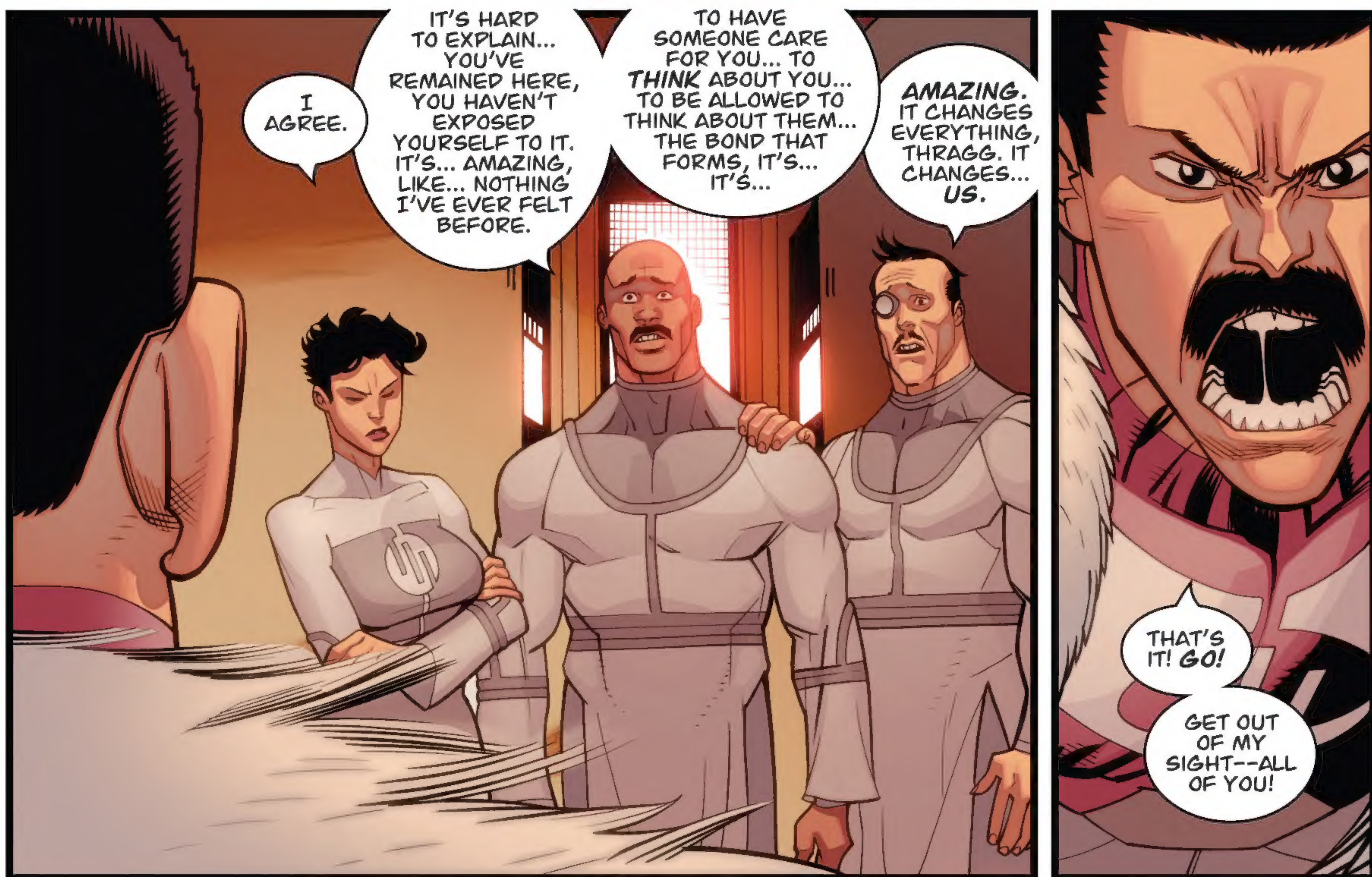
MY MATE, SHE HAS BEEN... HURT IN THE PAST BY A COMPANION WHO WAS **DISLOYAL**. SHE DOESN'T APPROVE OF MY PROCREATING WITH OTHER WOMEN.

WERE I TO DO SO... SHE WOULD BECOME UPSET. I DON'T WISH TO DO THAT TO HER.



BECAUSE I... **CARE** ABOUT HER A GREAT DEAL...

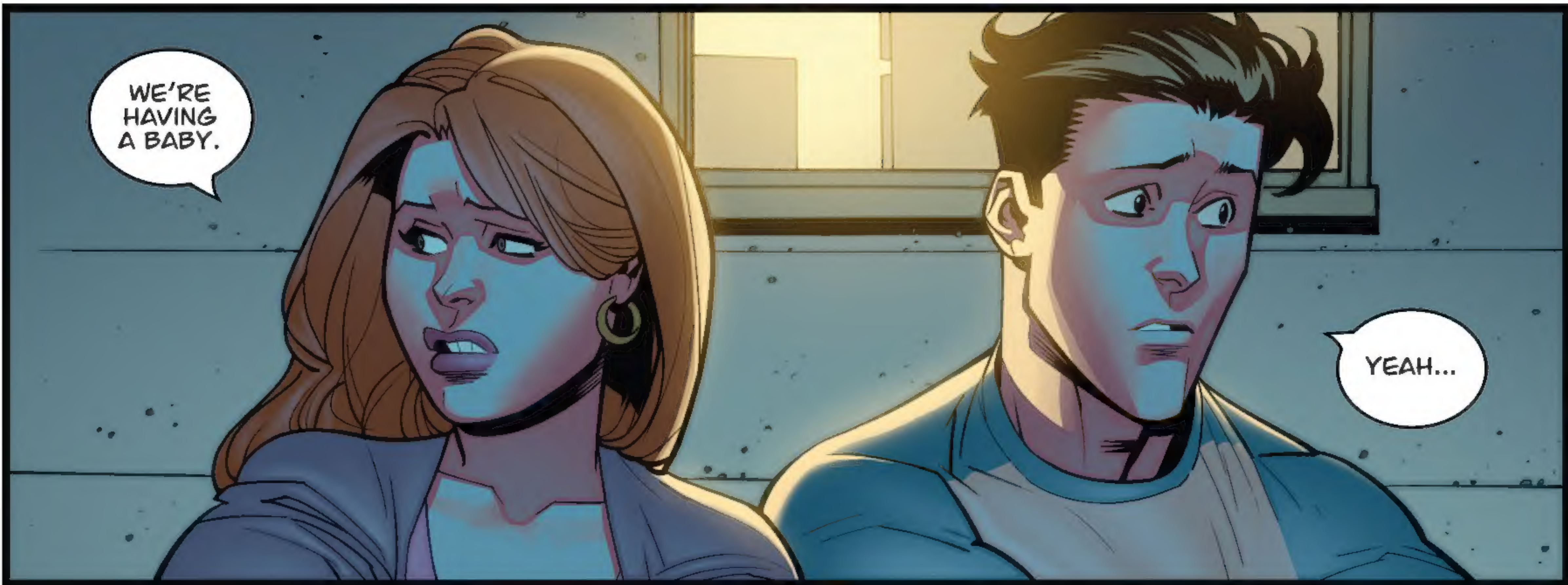
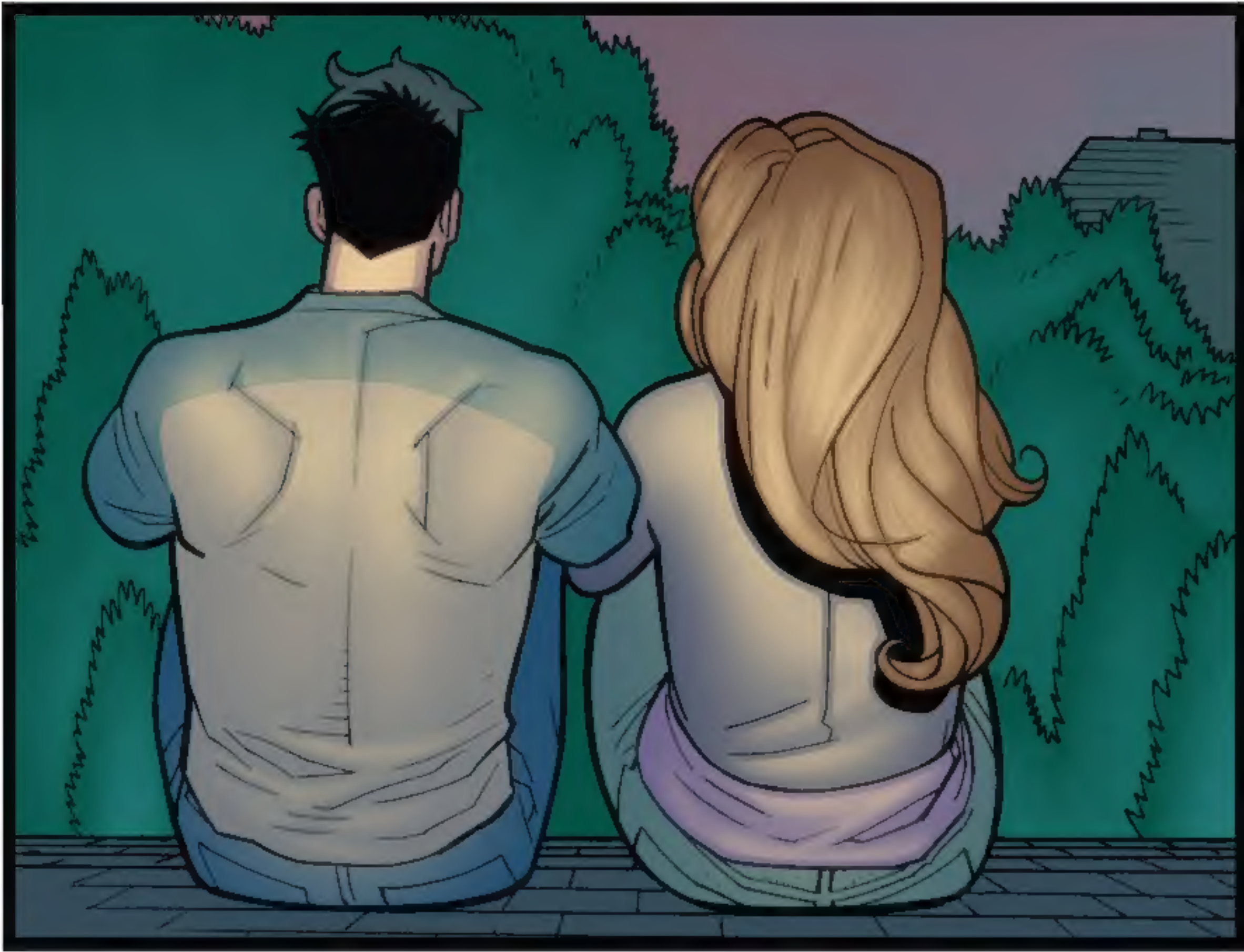
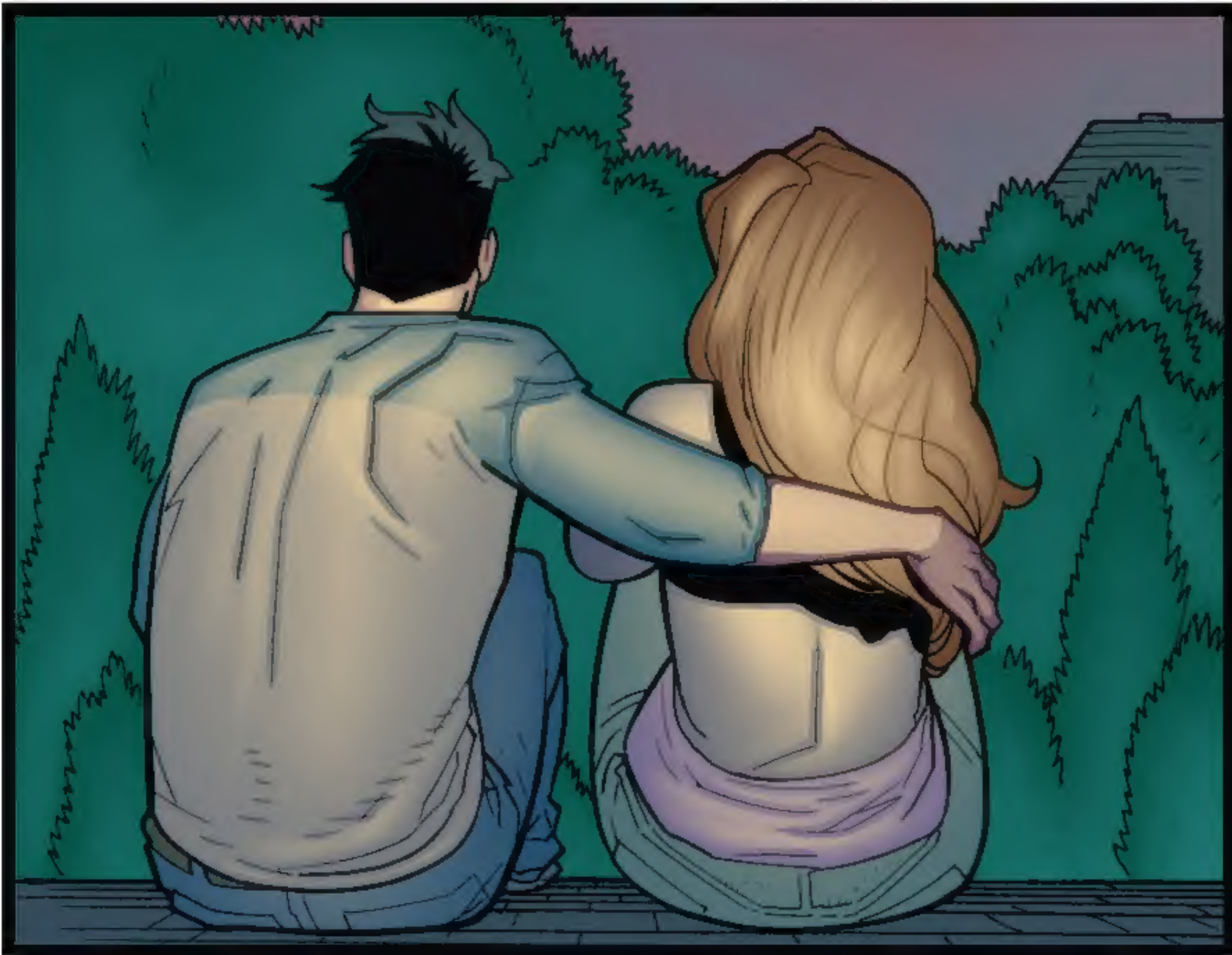
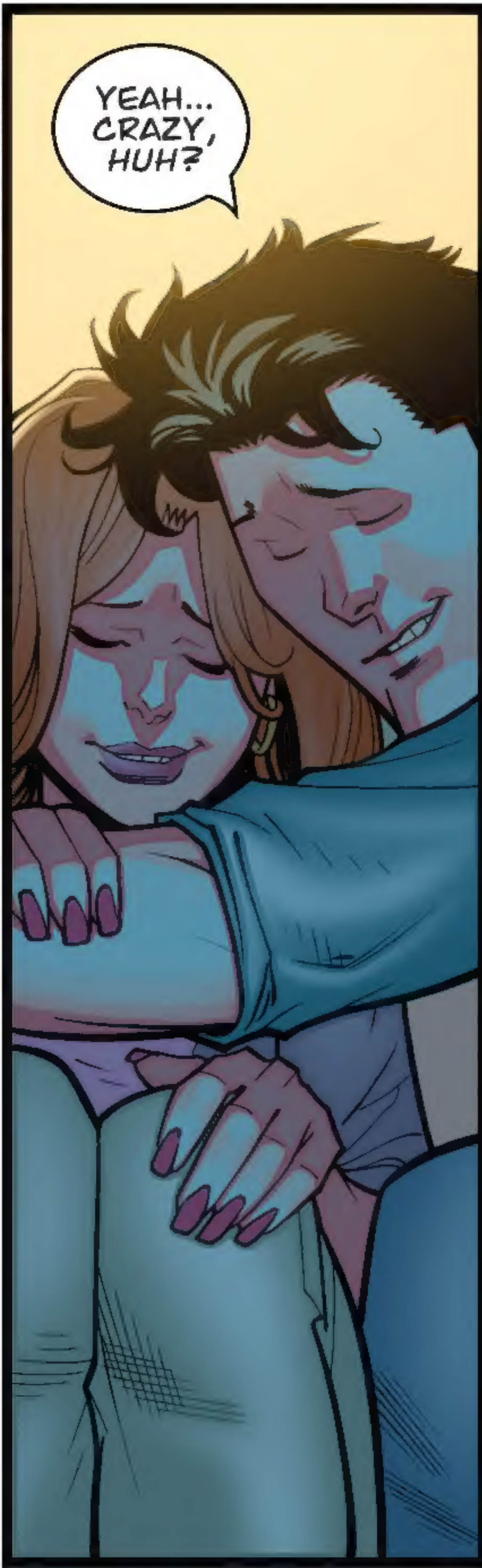
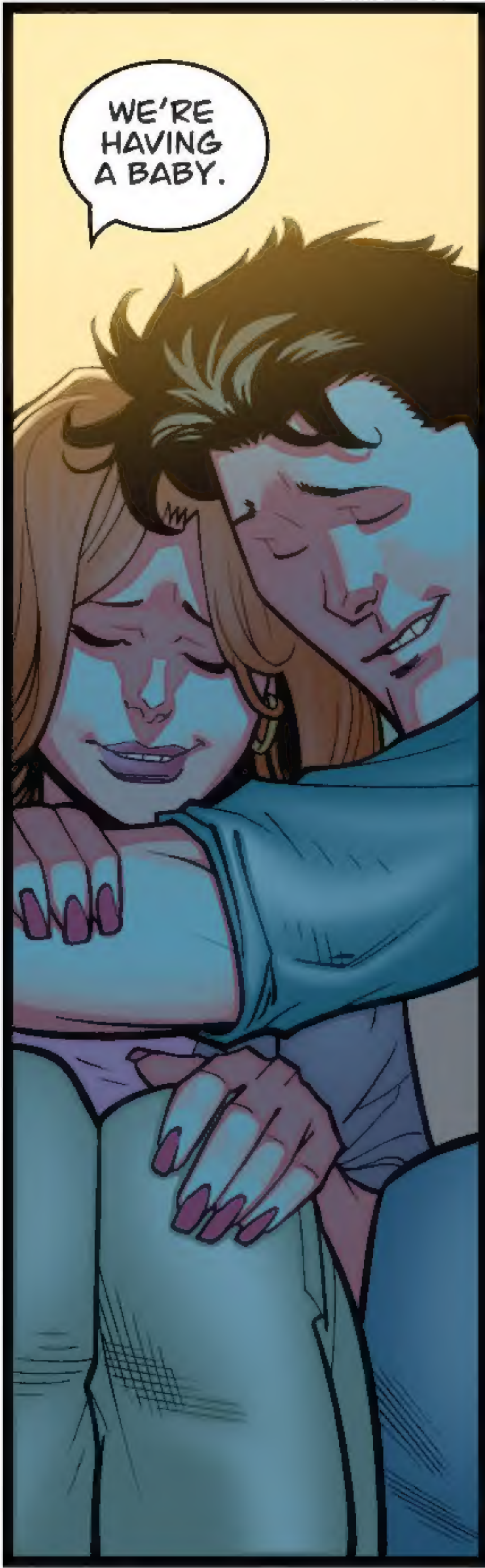
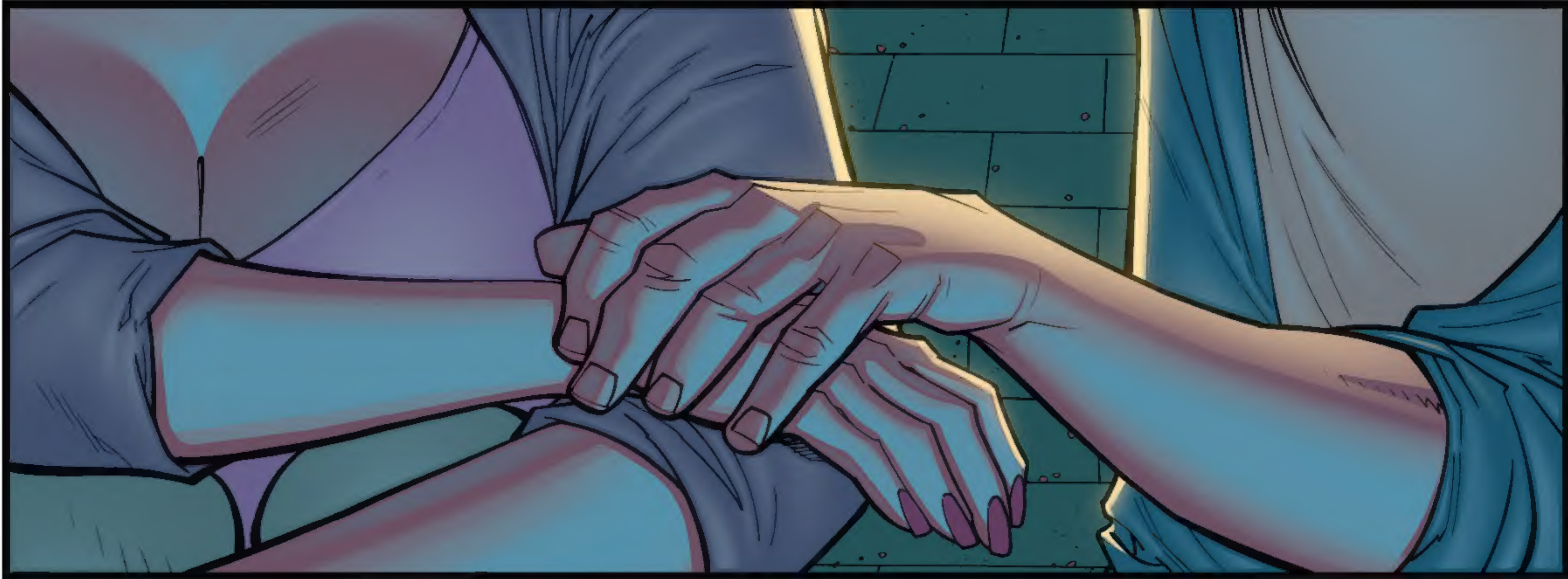




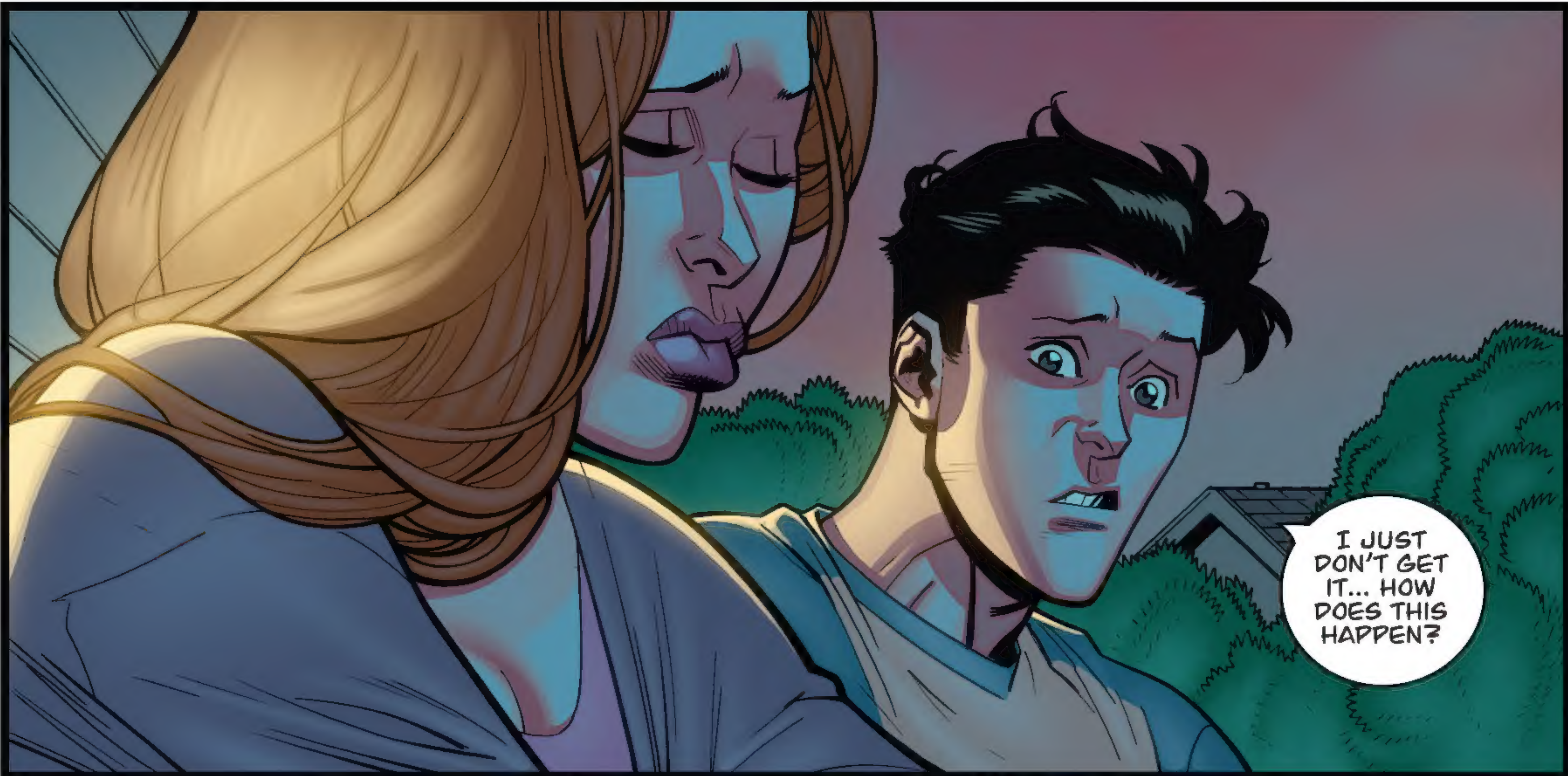












I JUST DON'T GET IT... HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN?



WE'RE CAREFUL. WE'RE NOT STUPID. CONDOMS ARE LIKE NINETY-NINE POINT NINE PERCENT EFFECTIVE, RIGHT?

SO WHAT IS IT?



I DON'T KNOW...



...VILTRUMITE SPERM?



UGH... PLEASE, NEVER SAY THAT AGAIN.

GROSS.



FINE.

KEEP THIS JUST BETWEEN US FOR NOW, OKAY?

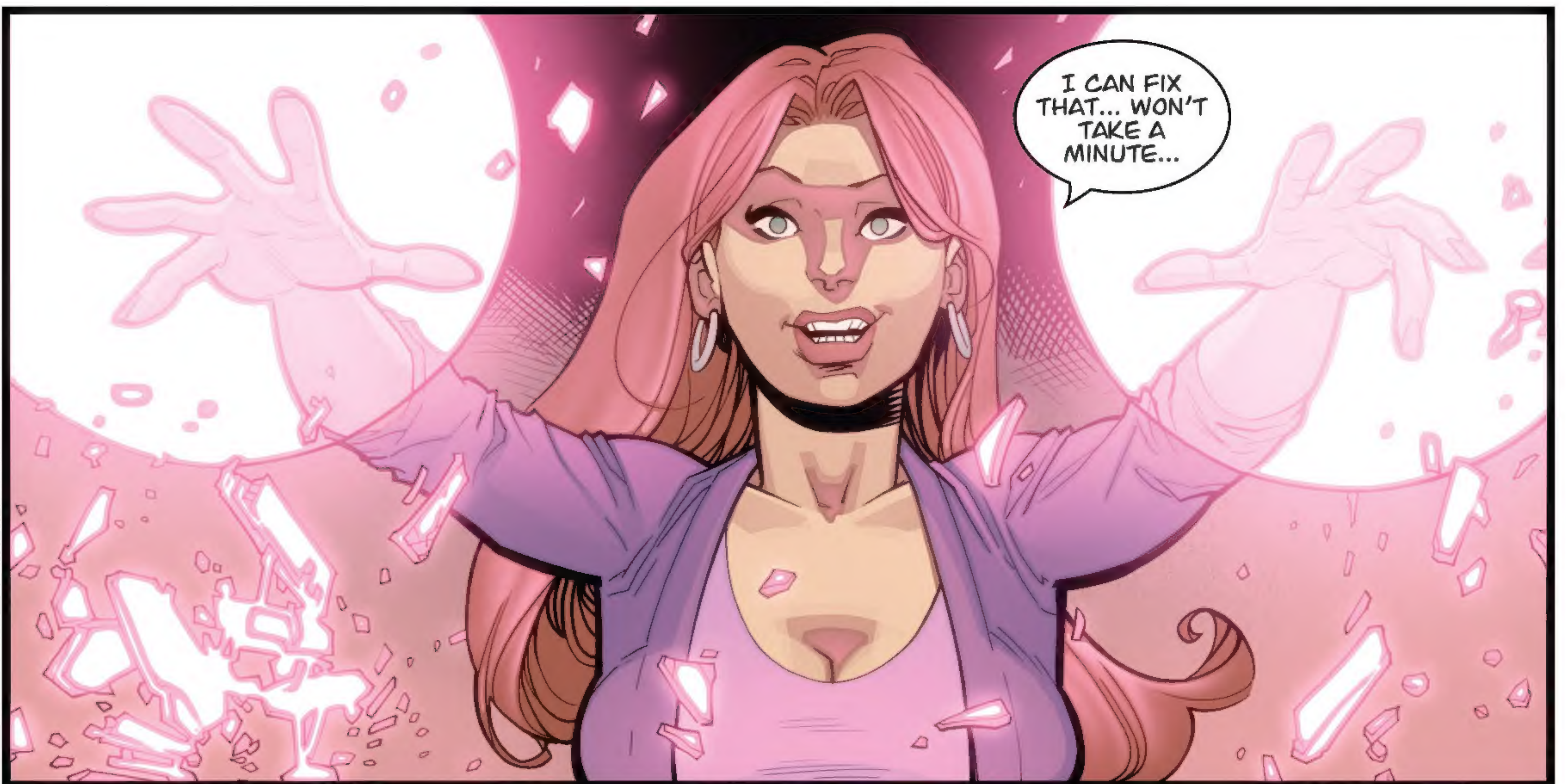
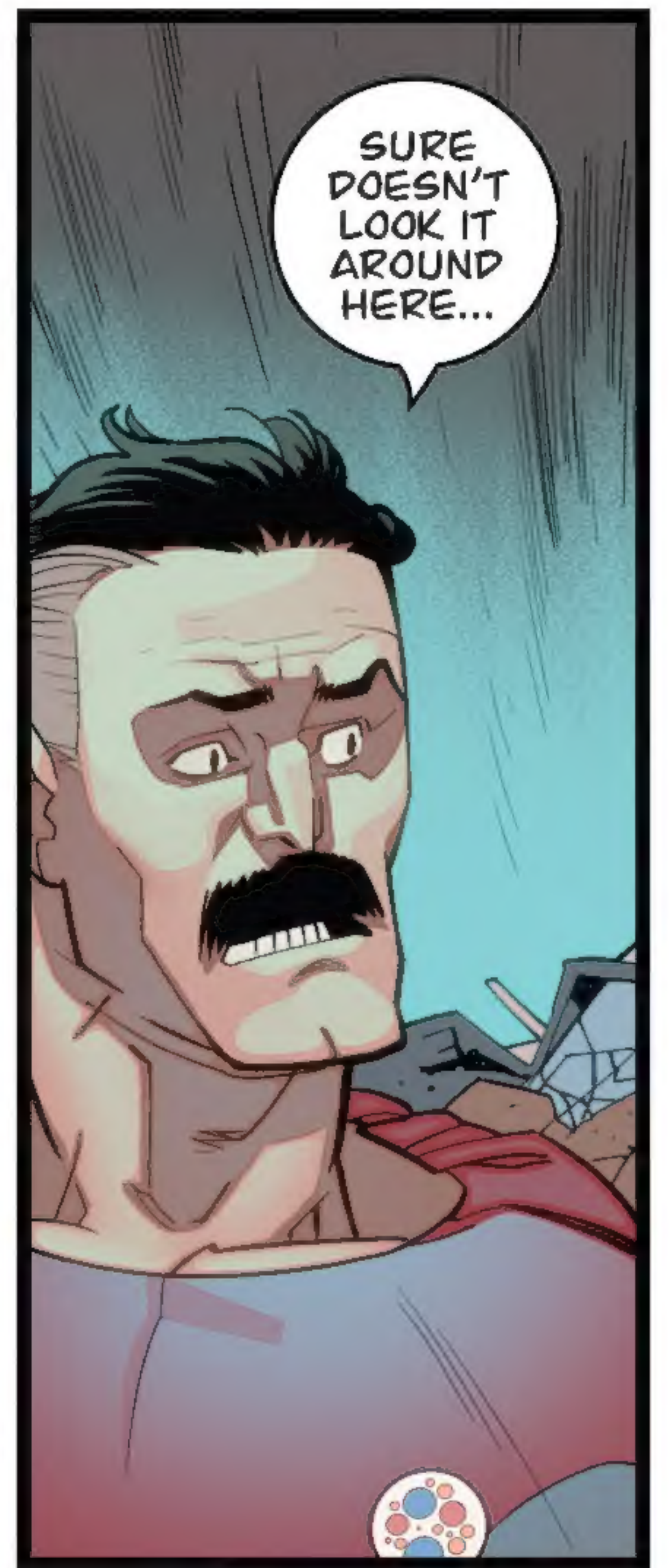
OF COURSE.



OKAY, THEN. WE SHOULD PROBABLY GET DOWNSTAIRS BEFORE YOUR MOM THINKS WE'RE HAVING SEX.

TOO LATE.

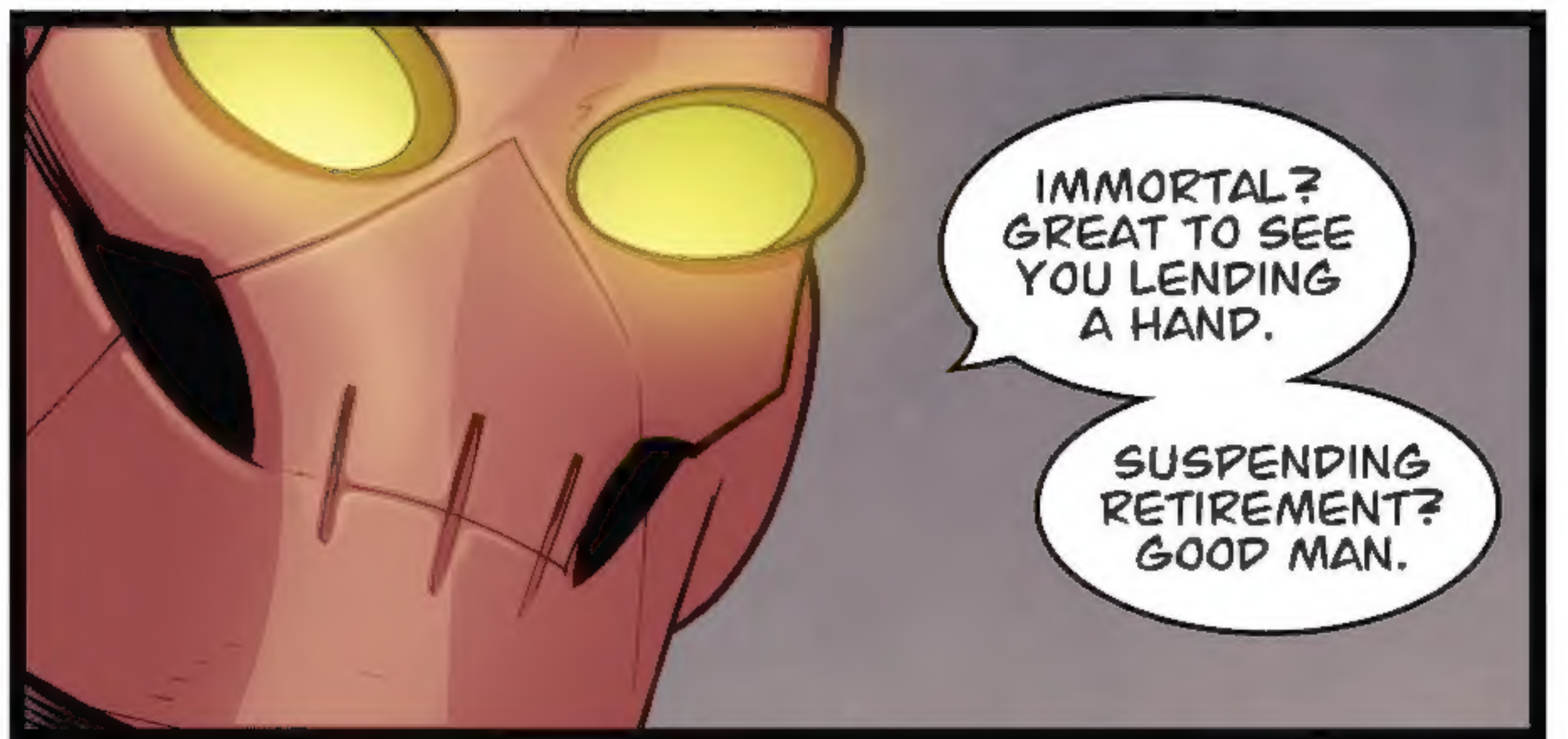








WHOA,  
IS THAT--



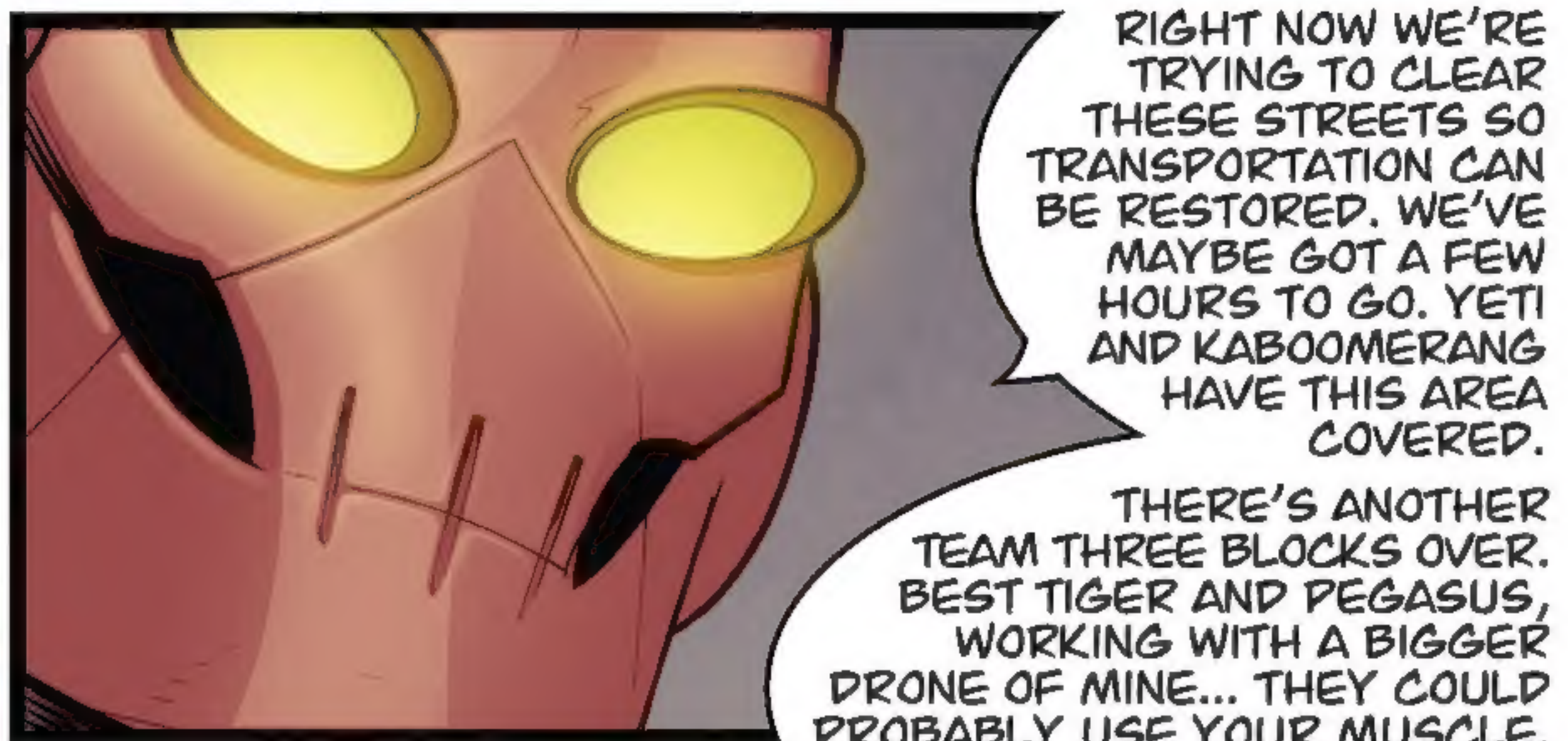
IMMORTAL?  
GREAT TO SEE  
YOU LENDING  
A HAND.

SUSPENDING  
RETIREMENT?  
GOOD MAN.



I'LL HELP  
OUT IN ANY  
WAY I  
CAN.

WHERE  
DO YOU  
NEED  
ME?



RIGHT NOW WE'RE  
TRYING TO CLEAR  
THESE STREETS SO  
TRANSPORTATION  
CAN BE RESTORED. WE'VE  
MAYBE GOT A FEW  
HOURS TO GO. YETI  
AND KABOOMERANG  
HAVE THIS AREA  
COVERED.

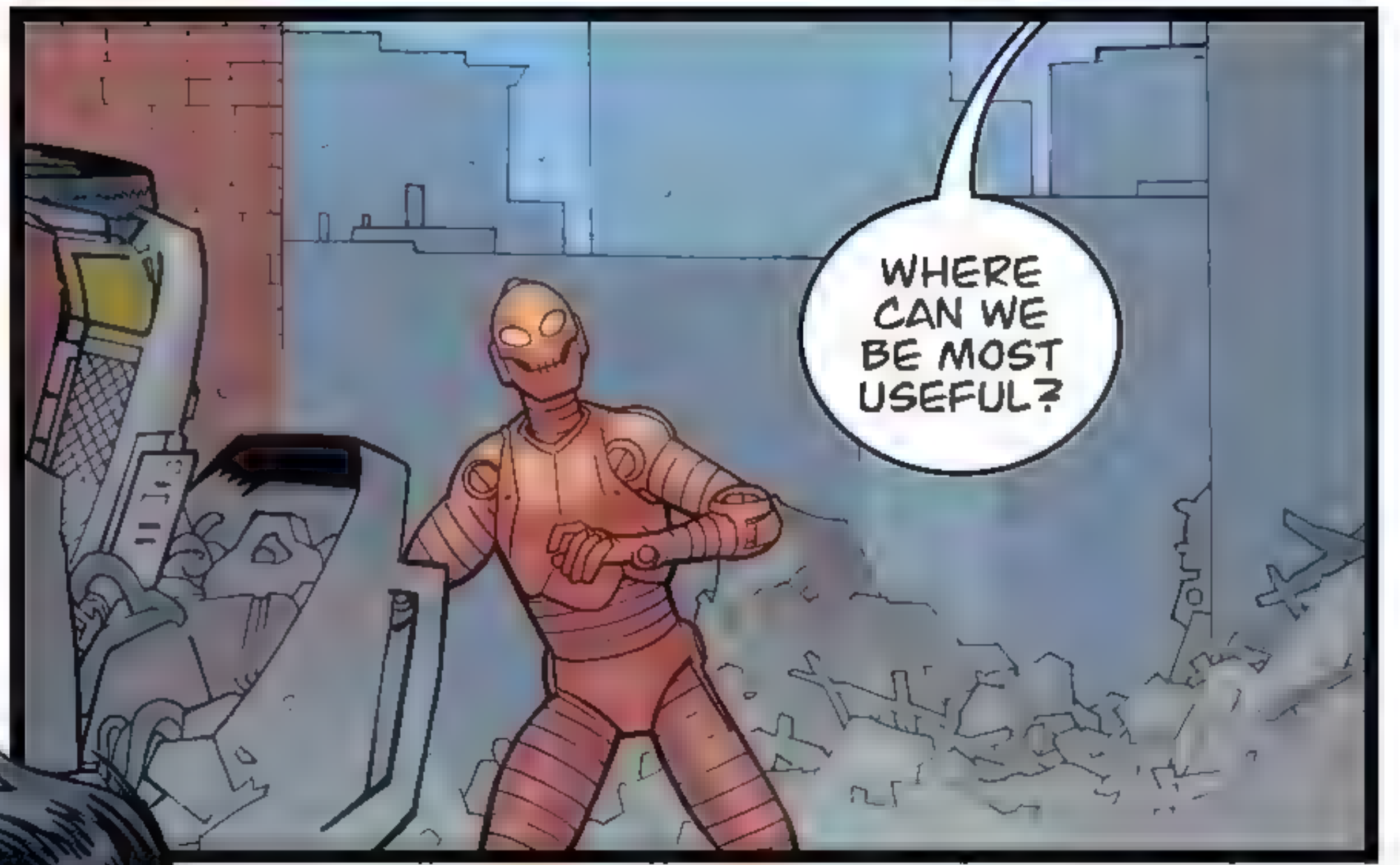
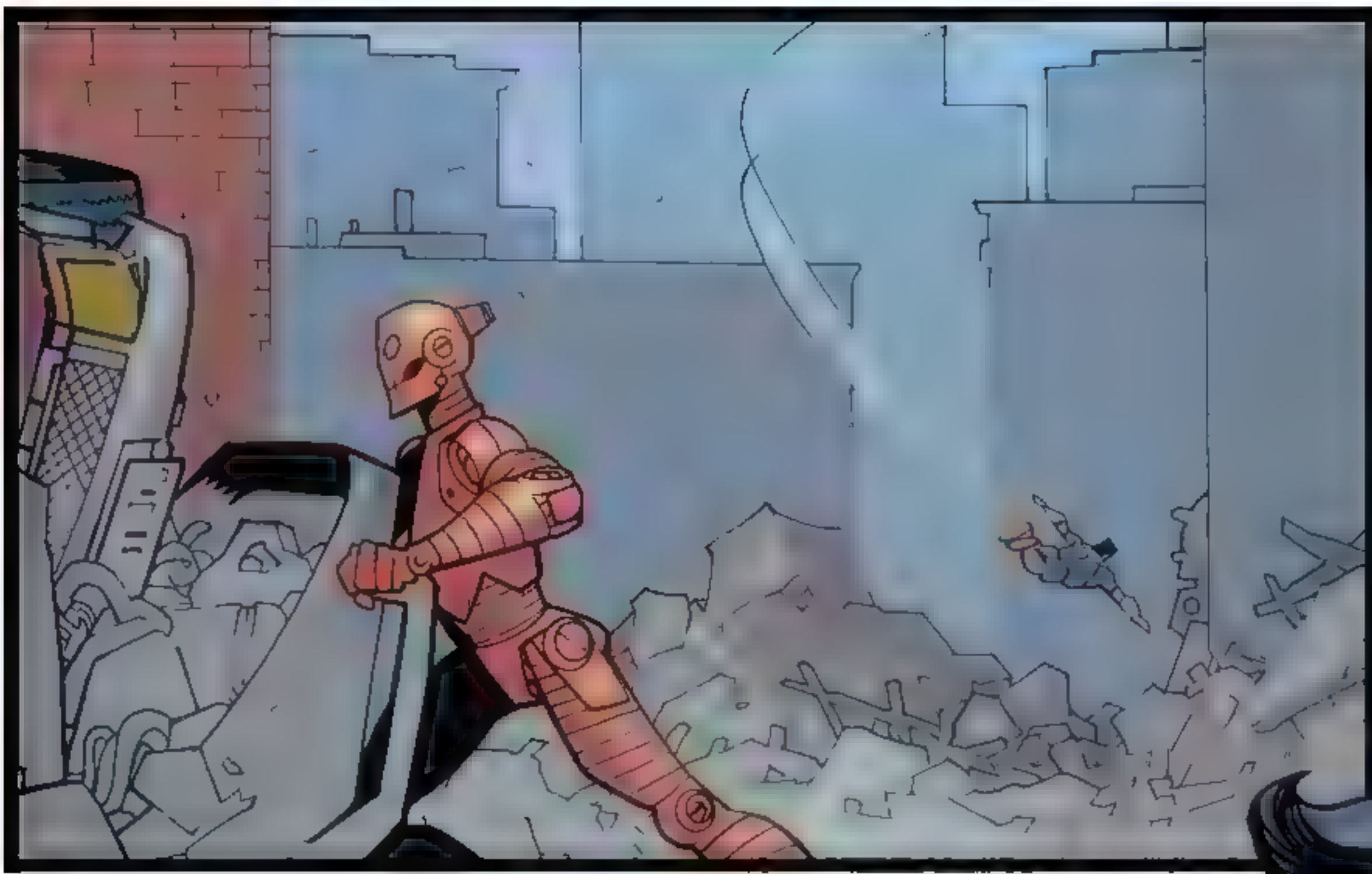
THERE'S ANOTHER  
TEAM THREE BLOCKS OVER.  
BEST TIGER AND PEGASUS,  
WORKING WITH A BIGGER  
DRONE OF MINE... THEY COULD  
PROBABLY USE YOUR MUSCLE.



PEGASUS? YETI?  
KABOOMERANG?  
BEST  
WHAT?

HOW LONG  
WAS I OUT?  
I'VE NEVER  
HEARD OF ANY  
OF THEM.





CECIL TOLD ME YOU GUYS WERE WORKING HERE TODAY, TARGETING THINGS CITY BY CITY, FOCUSING ON ONE PLACE UNTIL IT'S DONE. SMART PLAN.

IS IT TRUE THE WHOLE SQUAD CAN CLEAN UP A CITY IN SIX HOURS? THAT JUST SEEMS NUTS.

NO WORRIES IF YOU NEED TO SPLIT US UP. WE'LL GO WHEREVER WE'RE NEEDED MOST.



YEAH, I'M ALREADY SICK OF THIS GUY.



MARK?  
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

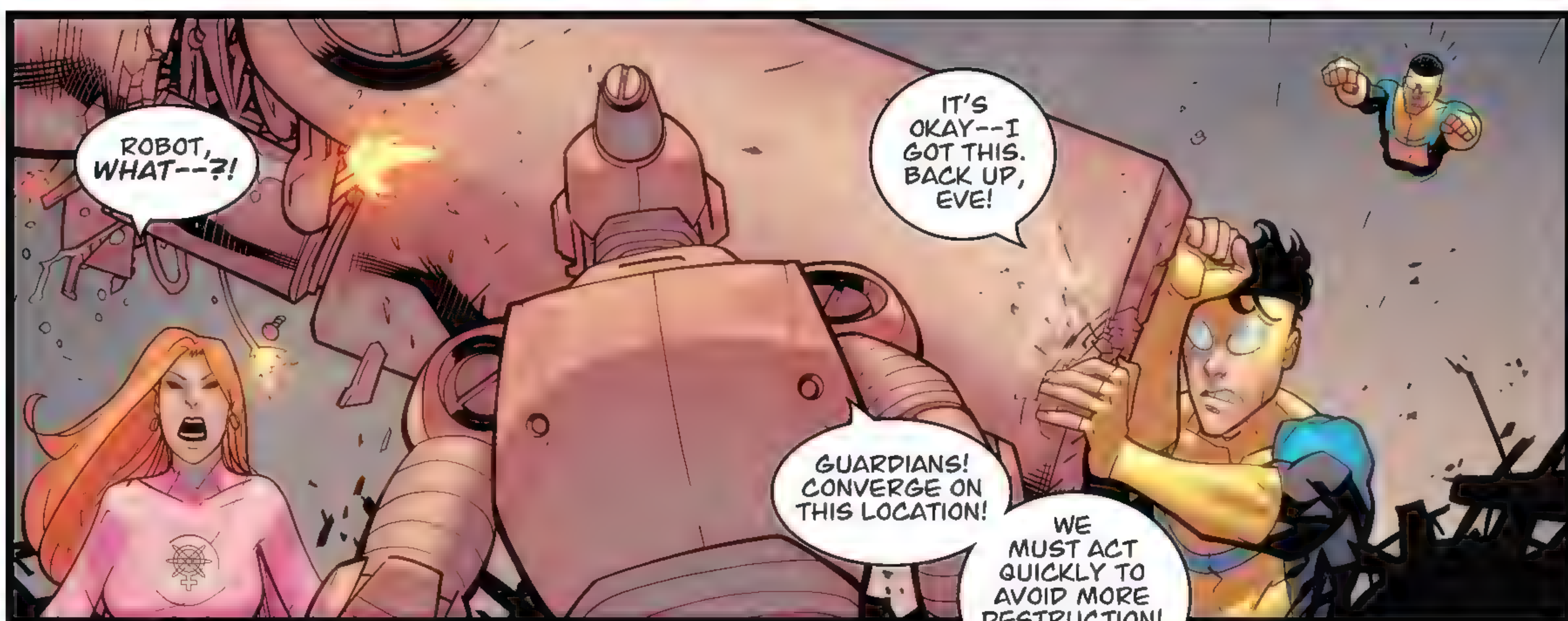
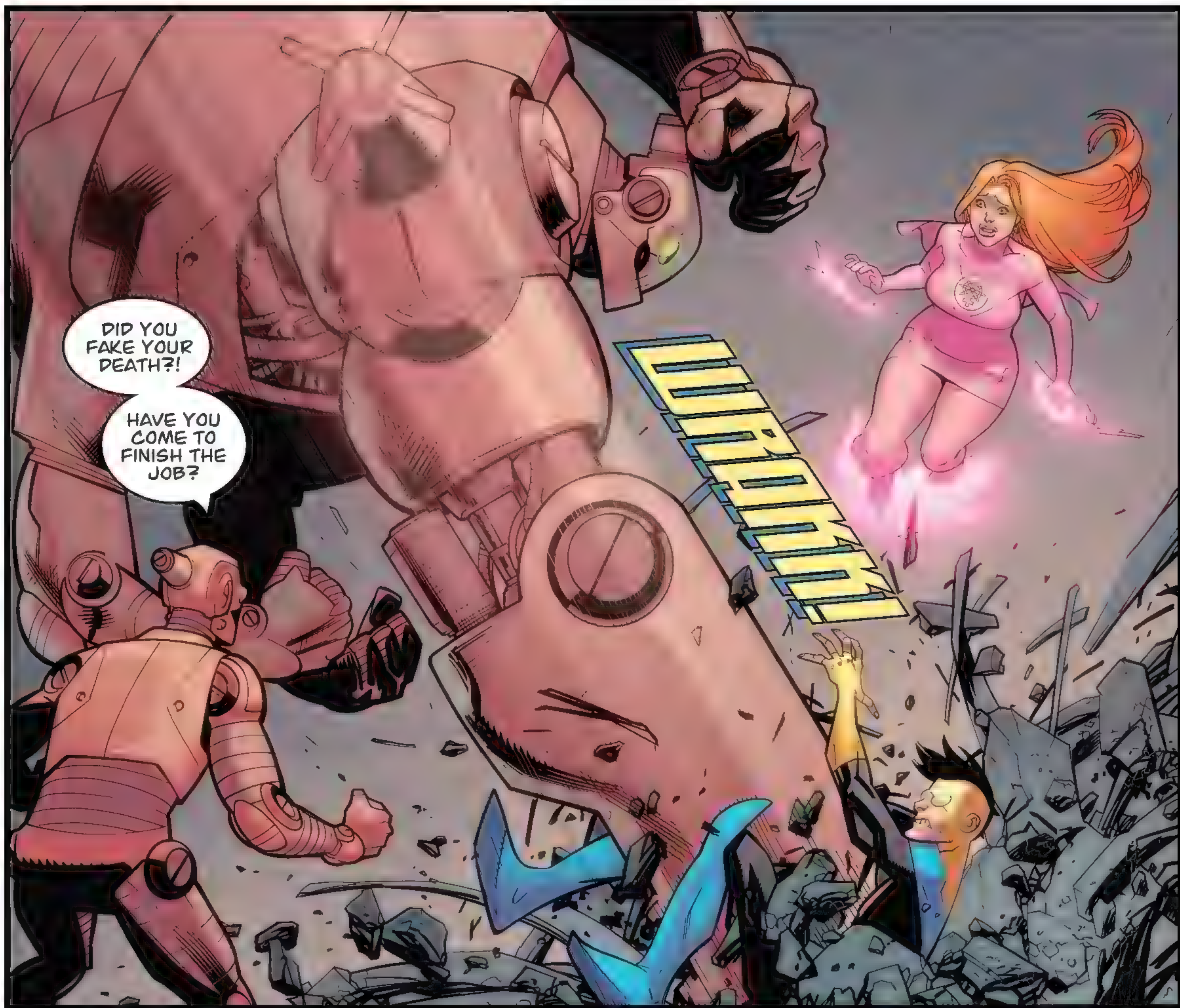


UM... THIS CITY'S MESSSED UP, RIGHT? I'M HERE TO HELP CLEAN IT UP.  
GET THINGS BACK TO NORMAL.



BUT... YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD.  
OR AFTER WHAT YOU'VE DONE... IN PRISON.

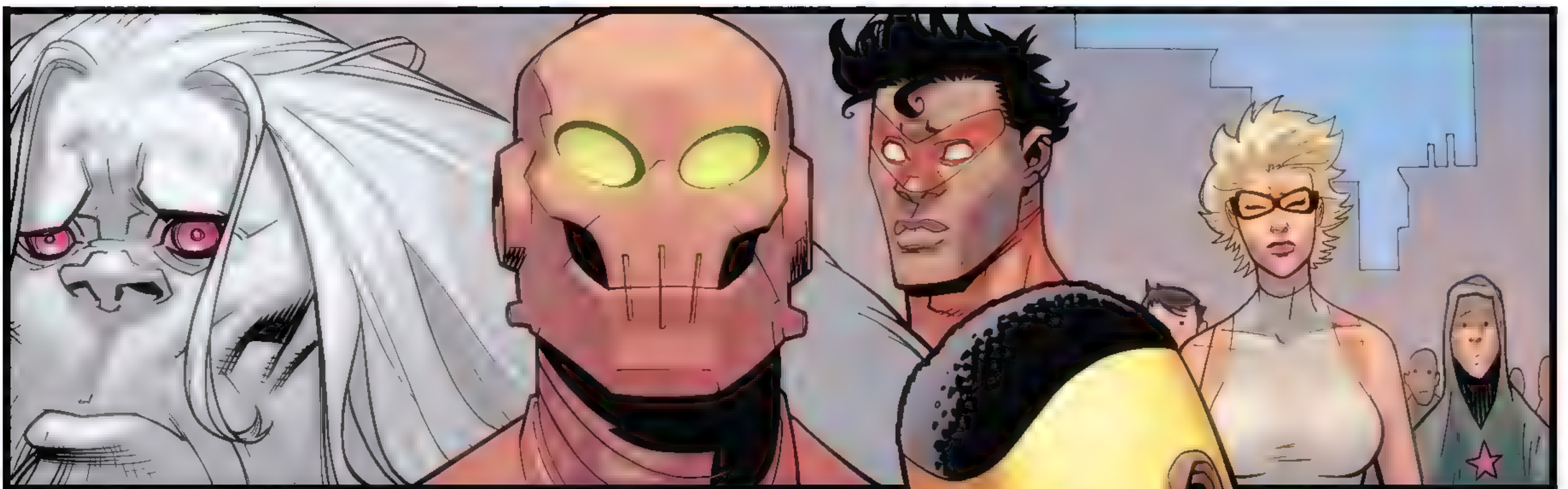
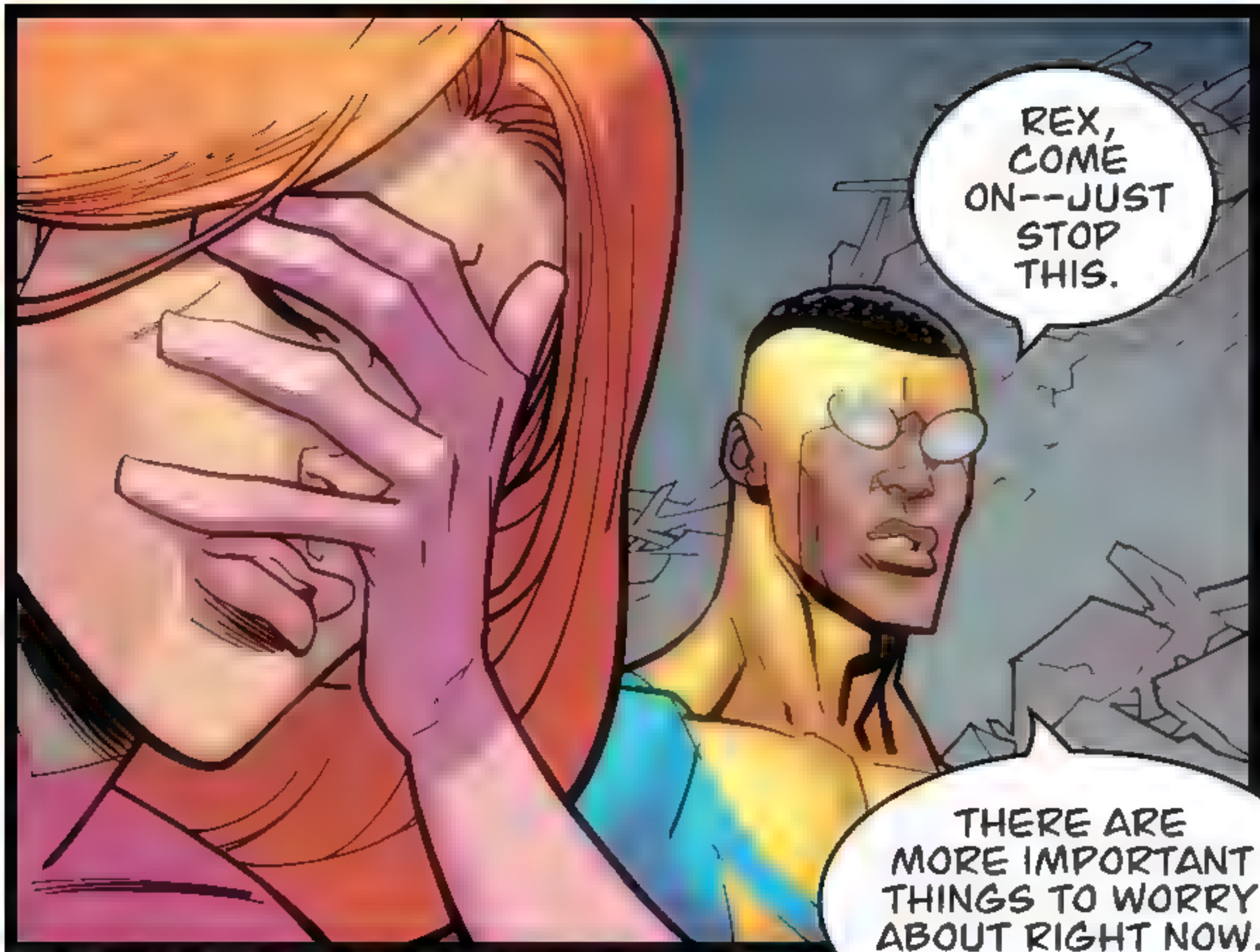




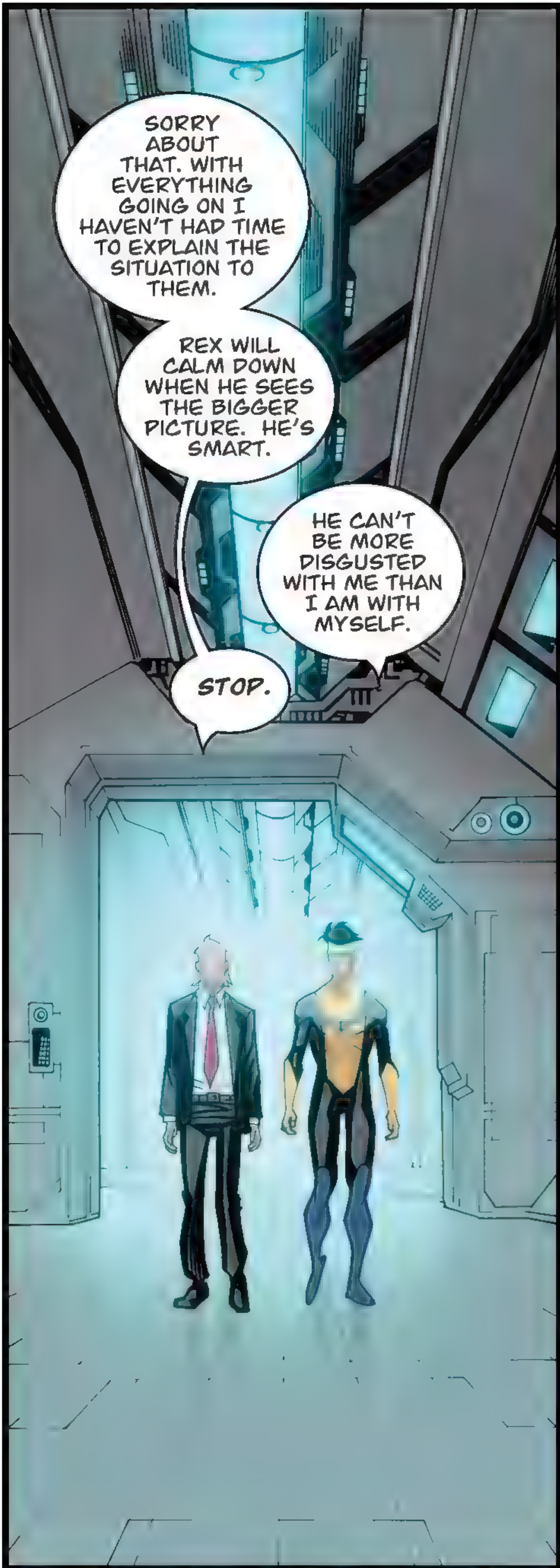
















WHY EXACTLY DID YOU WANT TO SEE THIS?

I MARKED HIS SIXTH VERTEBRAE WITH MY THUMB.

I WANTED TO MAKE SURE HE'S DEAD... THAT YOU DIDN'T SOMEHOW REVIVE HIM, ALLOW HIM TO REVERT TO HUMAN FORM TO HEAL HIMSELF... TRY TO KEEP HIM IN SECRET, TO USE HIM LATER...



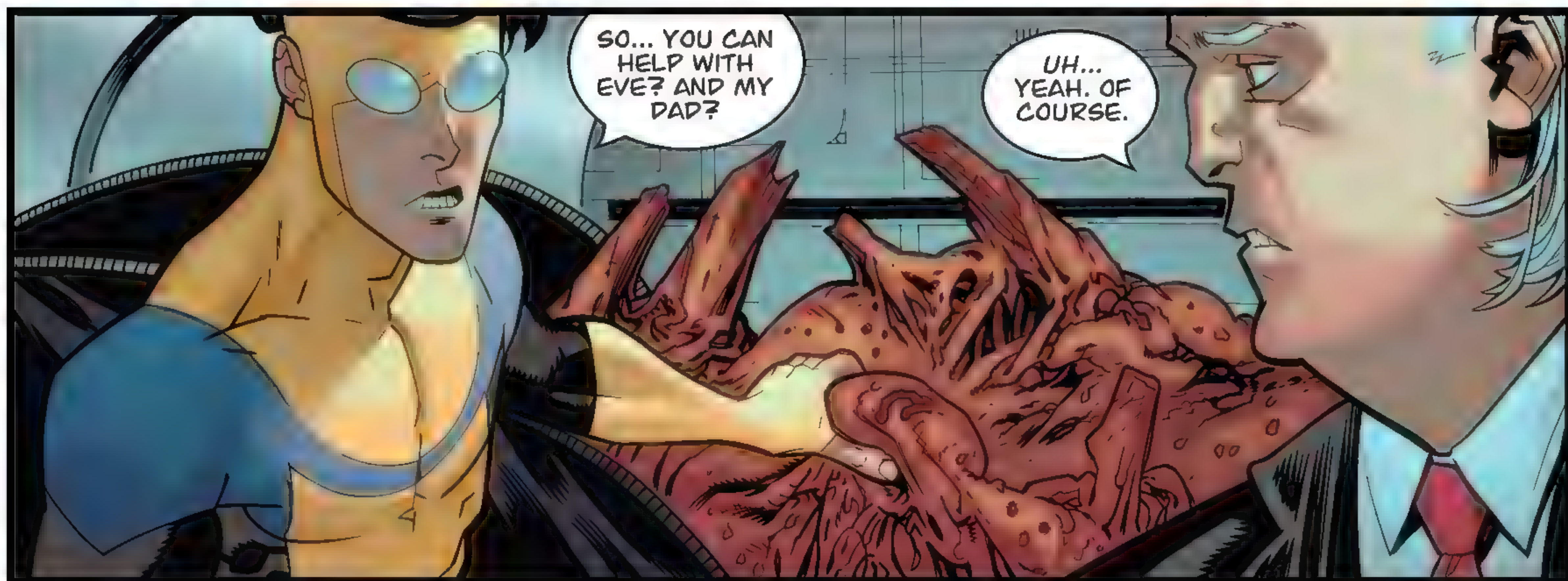
...LIKE YOU DID WITH CONQUEST.



I DIDN'T KNOW IF...  
YOU... NEVER DID MENTION THAT.



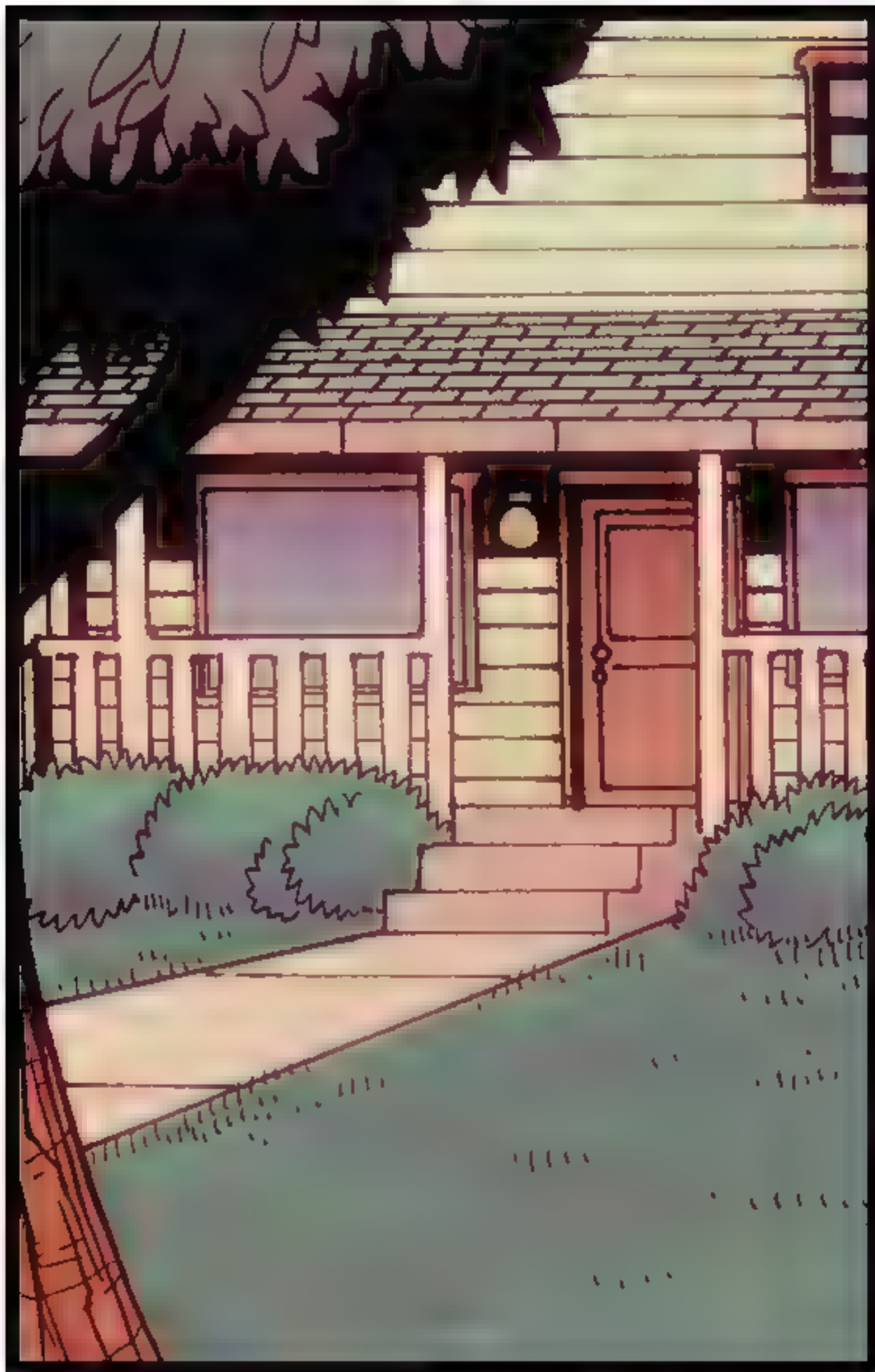
DURING THE VILTRU-MITE WAR... I KILLED HIM... AGAIN.  
I NEVER BROUGHT IT UP... I WAS KEEPING THE VILTRUMITES ON EARTH FROM YOU... DIDN'T SEEM RIGHT... DIDN'T SEE THE POINT.



SO... YOU CAN HELP WITH EVE? AND MY DAD?

UH... YEAH. OF COURSE.





WHAT?!

I CAN COME BACK.

NO, IT'S FINE.

EVE, WE CAN'T TAKE THIS ON-- IT'S TOO IMPORTANT. THIS... IT'S OUR CHILD WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. AND WITH OUR POWERS WE JUST DON'T KNOW HOW THINGS ARE GOING TO WORK OUT AND...

...WE NEEDED HELP.

SO YOU WENT TO CECIL?! YOU COULDN'T HAVE GONE TO ROBOT?! ANYONE WHO WASN'T **DIRECTLY** TIED TO THE GOVERNMENT-- THE SAME GOVERNMENT, IF YOU'LL RECALL, THAT MADE ME IN THE FIRST PLACE--AND TRIED TO TURN ME INTO A WEAPON!\*

THEY KILLED MY REAL PARENTS TO GET TO ME--IF THIS KID HAS A MIXTURE OF OUR POWERS COMBINED-- IT MAY BE TOO TEMPTING TO--

\*SEE 'INVINCIBLE PRESENTS: ATOM EVE & REX SPLODE' FOR DETAILS.

THAT WASN'T CECIL--IT WAS A GUY WHO WORKED UNDER HIM, AND HE WAS DOING ALL THAT STUFF WITHOUT CECIL'S KNOWLEDGE. **THAT GUY WAS TOTALLY EVIL...** BUT YOUR POWERS WENT ALL WACKY WHEN THEY TRIED TO KILL YOU, AND YOU WERE ABLE TO ERASE HIS MEMORY.

ON TOP OF THAT, BRIT LATER **KILLED** THAT GUY... AND HIS MAD SCIENTIST FRIEND. I'M PRETTY SURE.

SO THAT'S NO LONGER A THREAT, RIGHT?

DAMN IT, MARK!

IF I CAN JUST JUMP IN. I DON'T WORK FOR ANY GOVERNMENT. I'M AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR WHO WORKS WITH SUPER-POWERED PARENTS. I WAS JUST **RECOMMENDED** BY CECIL.

YOU CAN CALL DUPLI-KATE AND IMMORTAL IF YOU'D LIKE. I DELIVERED THEIR TWINS AND HELPED KATE THROUGH HER PREGNANCY.

SEE-- COME ON... SHERRY'S NOT A BAD PERSON. WE CAN TRUST HER. WE NEED HER.

EVE?

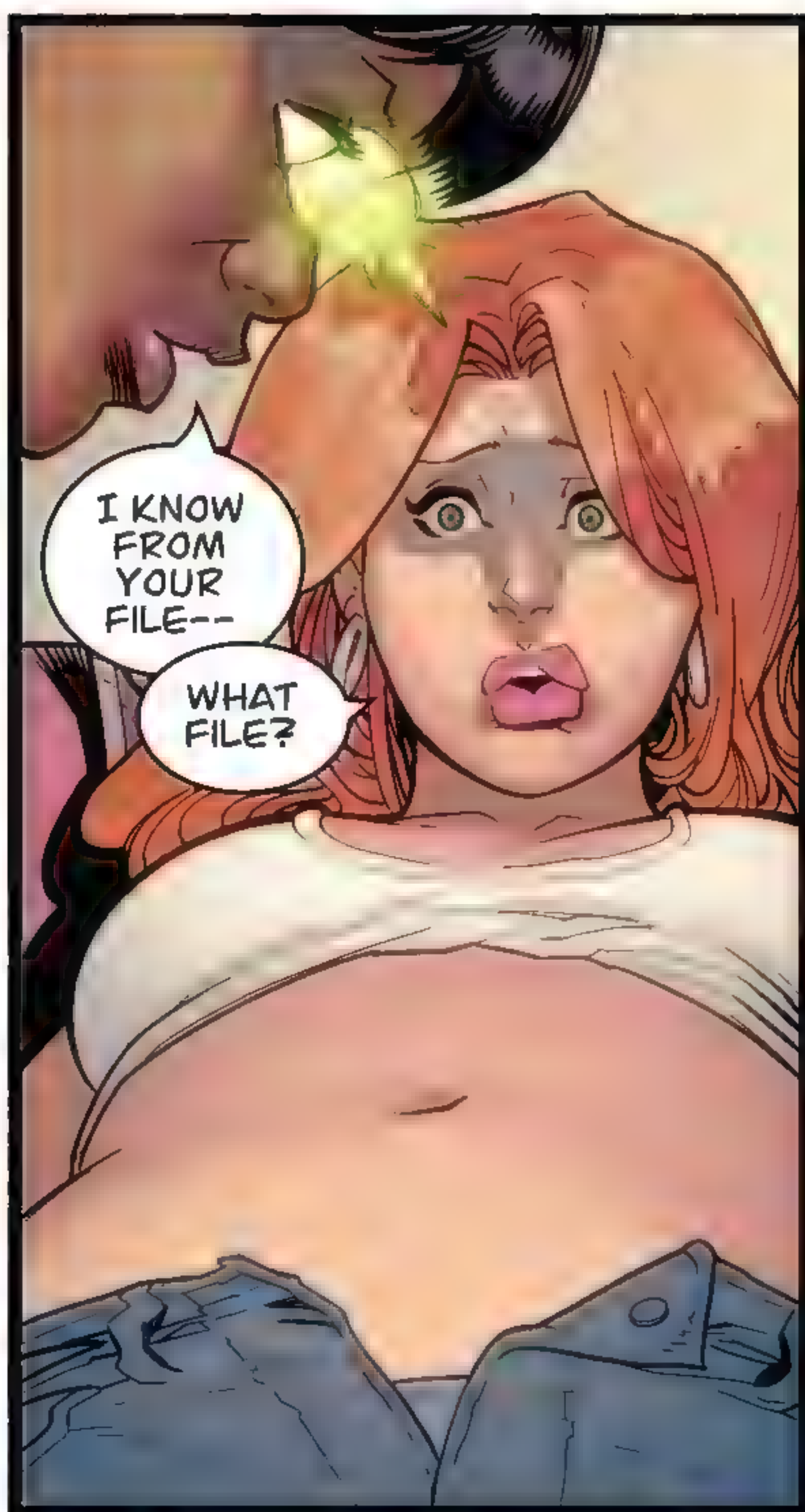




WHAT ARE YOU--?

DON'T WORRY, I'M USING MY X-RAY VISION. IT'S LESS INVASIVE THAN AN ULTRASOUND AND I CAN SEE AND DETECT WAY MORE.

EVERYTHING LOOKS VERY GOOD. A PROMISING START, I'M HAPPY TO REPORT.



I KNOW FROM YOUR FILE--

WHAT FILE?



YOU'VE GOT A MEDICAL HISTORY FILE WITH THE GDA. IT'S VERY HELPFUL. ANYWAY, YOUR POWERS DRAW ON THE FOOD YOU EAT. YOUR BODY BREAKS DOWN MATTER AND PROCESSES IT ALONG WITH YOUR DIGESTION.

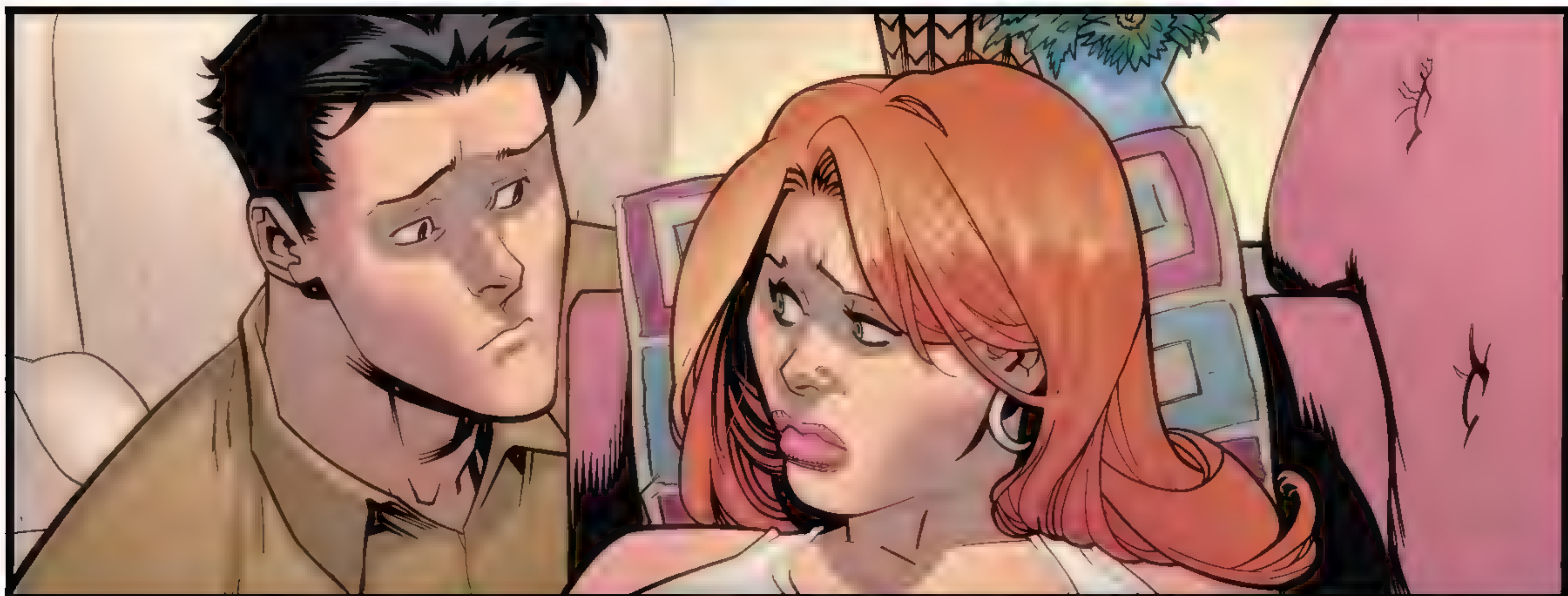
YOUR POWERS ACTUALLY BURN A LOT OF CALORIES.

YEAH... AND I COULD PROBABLY STAND TO USE THEM A LOT MORE THESE DAYS.



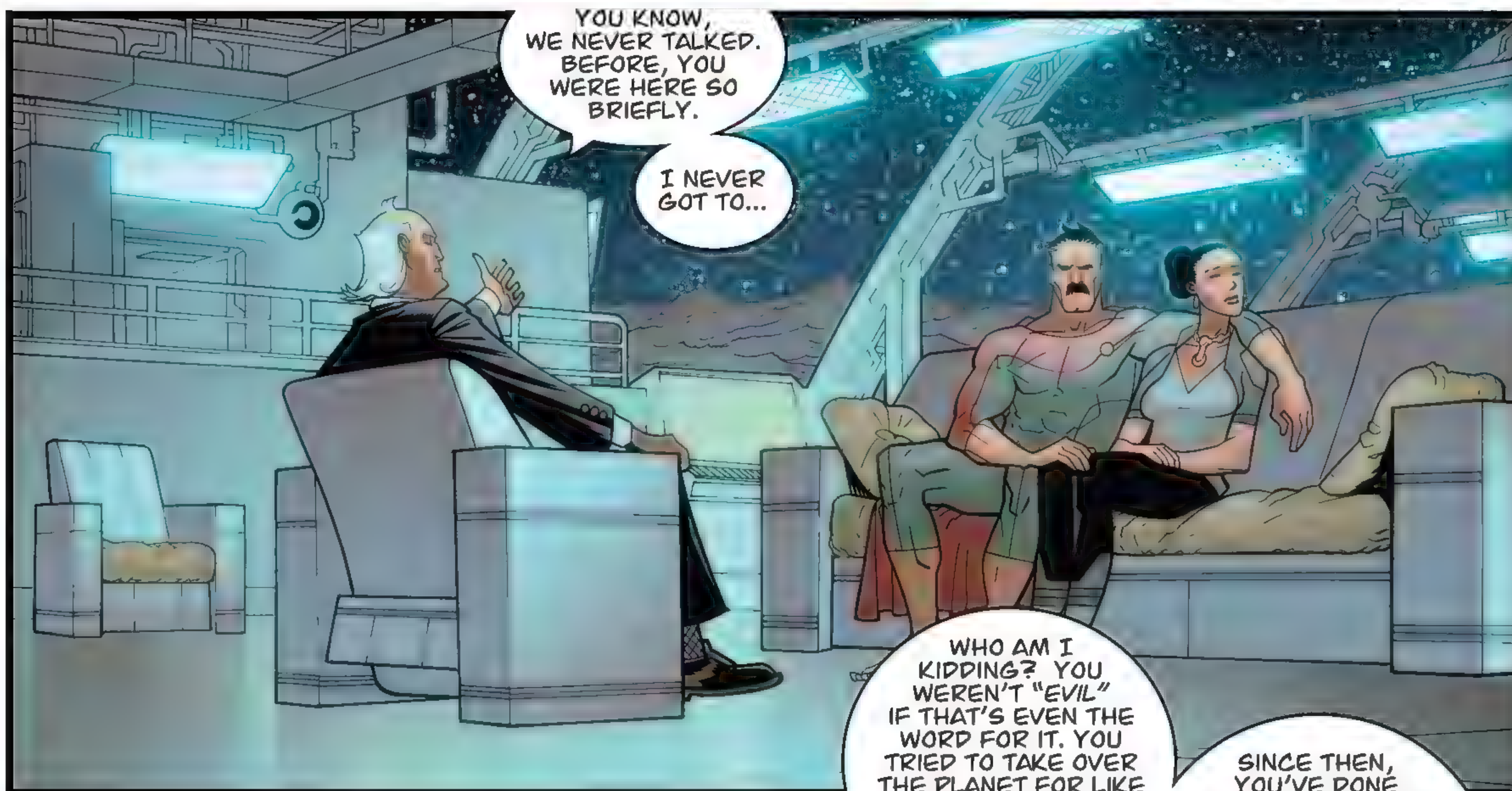
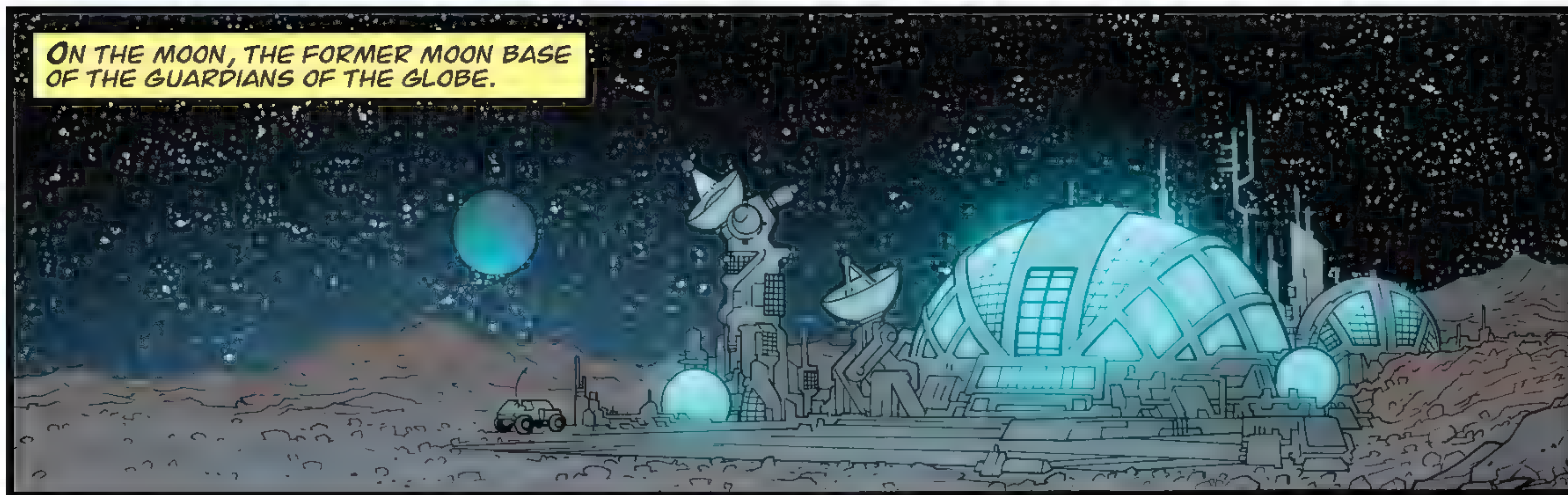
ACTUALLY, NO. YOUR POWERS COULD EITHER FILL YOUR BODY WITH TOXINS THAT WOULD AFFECT THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR CHILD... OR ROB IT OF ESSENTIAL NUTRIENTS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE PASSED TO THE BABY.

YOU NEED TO STOP USING YOUR POWERS IMMEDIATELY.





ON THE MOON, THE FORMER MOON BASE OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE GLOBE.



YOU KNOW, WE NEVER TALKED. BEFORE, YOU WERE HERE SO BRIEFLY.

I NEVER GOT TO...

WHO AM I KIDDING? YOU WEREN'T "EVIL" IF THAT'S EVEN THE WORD FOR IT. YOU TRIED TO TAKE OVER THE PLANET FOR LIKE A *MINUTE* AND THEN YOU CAME TO YOUR SENSES AND LEFT.

SINCE THEN, YOU'VE DONE NOTHING BUT GOOD FOR THIS PLANET. FIGHTING IN THE VILTRUMITE WAR, AND I WAS TOLD ABOUT YOU FIGHTING ALLEN TO TRY AND STOP HIM FROM BRINGING THE SCOURGE VIRUS HERE.

I WAS REALLY DAMN PISSED OFF AT FIRST, TO FIND YOU WERE KEEPING YOUR TRUE INTENTIONS FOR THIS PLANET A SECRET.

I'M THE SECRETS GUY. THAT'S MY THING.

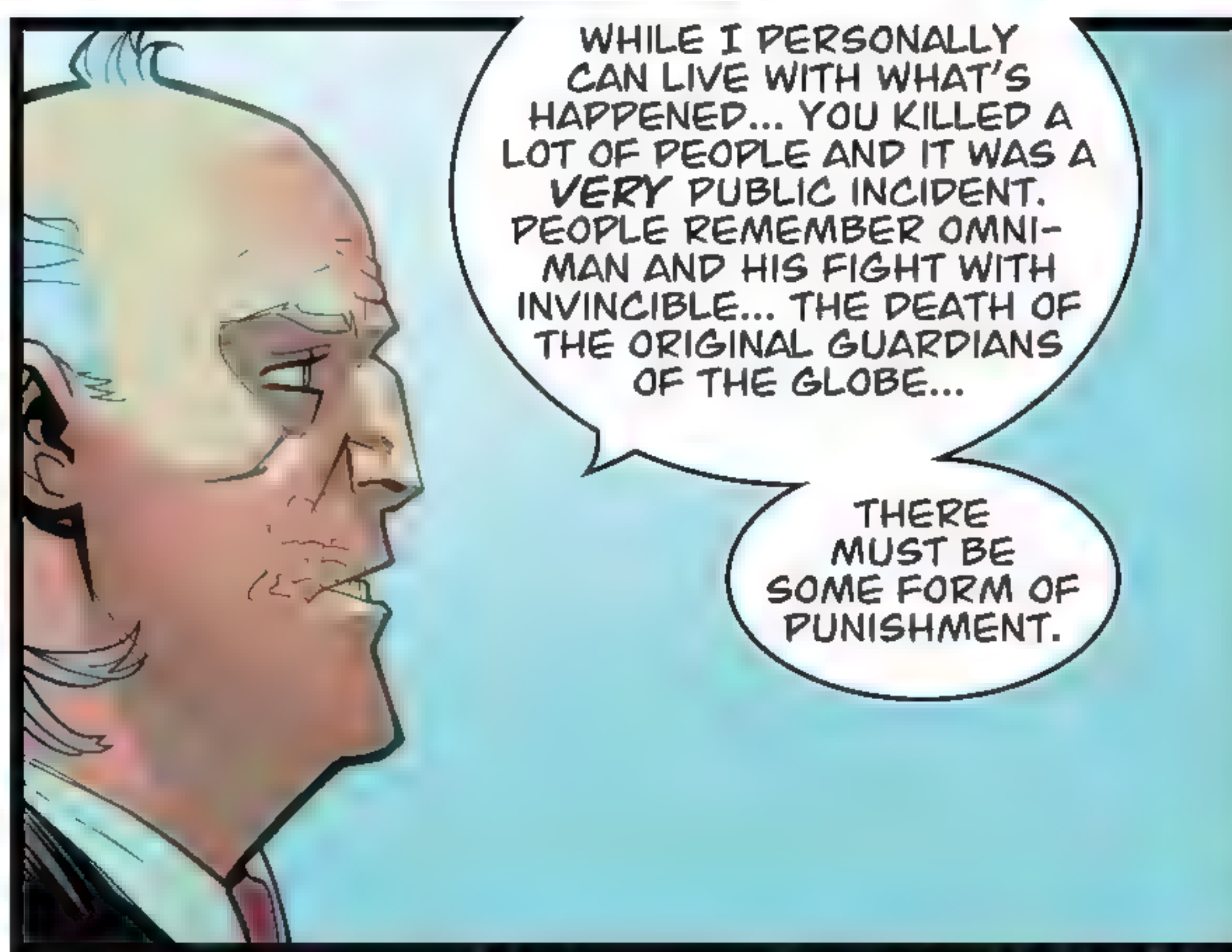


I HAVE MANY REGRETS, THAT TIME IN MY LIFE WAS NOT MY PROUDEST MOMENT. BUT WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT? WHY DID YOU BRING US HERE?



WHILE I PERSONALLY CAN LIVE WITH WHAT'S HAPPENED... YOU KILLED A LOT OF PEOPLE AND IT WAS A VERY PUBLIC INCIDENT. PEOPLE REMEMBER OMNI-MAN AND HIS FIGHT WITH INVINCIBLE... THE DEATH OF THE ORIGINAL GUARDIANS OF THE GLOBE...

THERE MUST BE SOME FORM OF PUNISHMENT.







I'VE  
CHOSEN  
EXILE.

WHAT?!

I CAN'T LET YOU  
RETURN TO EARTH. IF  
IT'S DISCOVERED THAT  
YOU'RE JUST ROAMING  
FREE--IT WOULD BE A  
**DISASTER**. SOME OF THE  
HEROES WOULD COME  
AFTER YOU... YOU THINK  
THE IMMORTAL WOULD  
BE HAPPY TO SEE  
YOU?

THE  
GUY'S A  
BIT OF A  
JERK, BUT  
HE WOULDN'T  
BE WRONG  
TO HATE  
YOU.

NO, YOU LIVE  
**HERE** IN THIS  
SPACE STATION.  
THE GUARDIANS OF  
THE GLOBE WERE  
USING IT AS A BASE,  
BUT THEY JUST MOVED  
TO THE NEW ORBITING  
TIDE-CONTROL  
SATELLITES.

THE  
SPACE  
HAS  
OPENED  
UP.



YOU CAN'T  
EXPECT US  
TO LIVE UP  
HERE?!



I DON'T  
EXPECT **YOU**  
TO DO ANYTHING.  
YOU CAN LIVE  
WHEREVER YOU  
DAMN WELL  
PLEASE.

YOUR  
HUSBAND  
HAS TO LIVE  
ON THE  
MOON.



YOU CAN'T  
ACTUALLY--

NO,  
DEBBIE.  
THIS IS  
OKAY. I...  
I DESERVE  
WORSE...



THIS IS THE  
SUPERHERO  
EQUIVALENT OF A  
SLAP ON THE WRIST.  
YOU NEED TO GO  
SHOPPING? HOP IN  
THE TELEPORTER  
AND SHOP  
AWAY.

YOU WANT  
TO SNEAK DOWN  
AND VISIT YOUR  
SON? YOU CAN FLY  
DOWN TO THE  
PLANET IN A  
MATTER OF  
MINUTES.

EASY.





THAT'S NOT IT, THOUGH. GONNA NEED YOU TO PAY SOME KIND OF RENT.

THING IS, THE VILTRUMITES ARE HERE, YOU KNOW THIS. AND THEIR BASE... IT'S A COUPLE THOUSAND MILES THAT WAY, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOON.



ARE YOU SAYING YOU WANT ME TO CONFRONT THEM? DRIVE THEM AWAY?

I HAVE TO ADVISE AGAINST THAT. THRAGG WAS VERY CLEAR IN HIS STIPULATIONS.



NO, THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL. I JUST WANT YOU TO KEEP AN EYE ON THEM--BE THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE FOR EARTH IF THEY TRY SOMETHING.

SIMPLE ENOUGH, RIGHT?



I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO GIVE YOU A CHOICE.

CHECK THE PLACE OUT, IT'S QUITE COMFORTABLE. LET ME KNOW IF THERE'S ANY FURNITURE OR ANYTHING YOU NEED SENT UP HERE.

IT'S A NICE PLACE.



NOT A LOT OF PEOPLE AROUND EITHER... HEH.

IT SHOULD END UP BEING QUITE PEACEFUL.







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# INVINCIBLE

That month off TOTALLY didn't feel like a month off. But as a fan, I know that it TOTALLY does. And so, to make it up to you, we're not taking a break until #200. Deal?

*Wait, what? Uh... okay. Sure.*

*We'll see how this goes. LETTERS!*

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Issue #69 seems like it was so long ago, that was the last time that I wrote in to tell you how amazing this comic is. It was also after the birth of my son, I had written in to say how big of a fan I was and that I had named my son after my two favorite heroes, Parker Grayson after Peter Parker and Mark Grayson. You said how awesome it was and you understood why I didn't put Grayson first, that the other guy had been around for quite a bit longer. Well it's 31 issues later and I'm still a huge fan, I love the book so much that when I found out I was having another son there was only one place the wife and I looked. My second boy was born at 8:19 last night, my wife looked at him and we named him Oliver Reilly. This time around you guys got the first name and Spidey came in second, keep up the good work and know that males, females, and families genuinely love what you guys are doing.

The Swathwood Family

*Well, this is just entirely too awesome. Thanks so much for the update. I'd be pretty pissed if Oliver had to place second fiddle to a clone (or was Peter the clone, I lose track...). Great news, man... and congrats! Hopefully in another 31 issues you'll have a daughter to name Eve Stacy? Mary Samantha? May Debra? Anissa Felicia?*

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Mr. Kirkman,

I noticed that Thula's hair is the wrong color on the Ultimate Collection 7 cover... I'm not reading INVINCIBLE anymore.

Kyle Genoni  
Pleasanton, CA

Well, I'm not editing it either, then. Solidarity, Robert?!

*FIX IT!! Wait, which one is Thula again?! (kidding, kidding!)*

---

Just read issue #99 ... wow, what a cliffhanger. And I'm not talking about the image of Dinosaurus crushing Mark's head; no, we've seen Mark survive certain death, what, three times now? Four?

*Um... yeah... SO... what are you trying to say?!*

No, I'm talking about what followed, in the letter pages. Kurt Gert-(great name)-zen told you he didn't want anyone to die -- he wanted to be reading about Robot, Nolan, Allen and Oliver in six months time.

You said that it "doesn't seem likely, does it? I mean, who would do a storyline called "THE DEATH OF EVERYONE" and not kill ANY major characters?"

You CENSORED!

Language, kids! LANGUAGE!

You're going to kill Mark, aren't you?

Like I said, what a cliffhanger.

Matthew George

*We would... we're the people who would do a storyline called "THE DEATH OF EVERYONE" and not kill any major characters... pretty awesome, right?*

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Robert,

Just wanted to let you know that INVINCIBLE has reached a milestone in my comic book reading world.

I have now bought and read more consecutive issues of this book than any other book. Which is no small feat considering how long I've been collecting comics. I'm 41 years old and have been reading comics since I could read. I started with INVINCIBLE with issue 20 and have loved it since. (I went back and got the first 4 tpbs.)

But in my 30+ years of reading comics, I have never stayed with a book for 80 consecutive issues until now. I guess that this speaks to the greatness of creator-owned comics. I would fall in love with a book (Batman, Justice League, Spiderman, X-Men, Avengers, etc.) and then the creative team would change. Maybe I didn't like the writer, or maybe it was the artist, but I would leave the book and come back when it had a creative team that I liked. But there is no danger of that with your books, because you own them. So keep up the good work. This is absolutely one of my favorite books.

Keith Etheridge

*CREATOR-OWNED COMICS ARE THE BEST! This is a fact. A fact that, thankfully the comic buying public is very quickly growing more aware of. Things are certainly looking up for creator-owned comics... and because of*



*that, the comics industry as a whole.*

---

Sir,

I waited this issue for like the whole month to see what it means to say EVERYONE WILL DIE. I must say I am disappointed. I don't read INVINCIBLE because I like action. That I can get in X-Men.

**With Bendis writing it?! Good luck! (Kidding! Uncanny and All-New are killing it right now!)**

*Are they really? I might have to look into that...*

I have always liked logic part of this comic. And to be precise, this issue has no goddamn logic. The way I have seen Mark since first issue, he cannot be that illogical. And yes. For all those pages I can't find a single hint on why Dinosaurus did what he did.

But as usual I am again waiting for 100. And I believe in you that you did it on purpose and something good should come out of it.

If I am being rude, pardon me but I love you and INVINCIBLE too much to not care.

Lots of love,

Dilip Modi

Good to find mention of Wolf-Man. I hope he gets back on print soon.

**You haven't been reading GUARDING THE GLOBE? The second trade, featuring the Astounding One, is on sale now!**

*Hopefully when issue 100 came out, the story, as a whole, made a whole lot more sense. If not... eh, you win some, you lose some. We've got a lot more issues to get it right... stay tuned.*

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Dear Captain Kirkman and the U.S.S. Penvincible Crew,

I have to begin with a BIG congratulation on making it to 100 issues. There is no doubt that the book can remain a great one as long as Kirkman doesn't get infected by zombies or Skybound isn't infiltrated by Viltrumites.

*Oh, crap... I just noticed Mackiewicz has a pretty rocking mustache... oh, no!*

I'm curious about what happened to Bulletproof's hand. It was gone in the Invincible Wars but mysteriously reappeared in the subsequent issues. What's going on? Did he get the same surgery as Oliver?

Joseph Hicks

P.S. Congratulations to my sister Jasmine, Ms. Black & Gold

**“Nothing in the world can take the place of Persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will**

**not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan ‘Press On’ has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.”**

**These words by President Calvin Coolidge explain why you're now reading Joseph's letter. He's written to us for the past four months—WITH THE SAME EXACT LETTER. He congratulated us on 100 issues three months before we even hit it! Press On, young Hicks! Press On!**

*Bulletproof, Zandale, Invincible, whatever... has a prosthetic future hand... it's not as advanced as Oliver's... it's more like Donald's whole body... which is robotic. It'll get mentioned at some point.*

**...This next letter's about spoilers. In which things not of our book get spoiled. Again. So if you don't like spoilers...**

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Dear Robert and Sean,

Can you guys please stop posting WALKING DEAD spoilers in the INVINCIBLE letter column? Even with a spoiler warning, my eyes accidentally found information that I did NOT want to know. It's not like there's an “END SPOILER” warning telling us how far ahead to skip reading. It would be best just to do away with them altogether.

Now, I understand if I was poking around a Walking Dead Internet forum or fan page; then I'm responsible for what happens. But INVINCIBLE is an entirely different book-aside from promotional blurbs, the content of TWD stories shouldn't be discussed. I'm trying to collect TWD trades, and I have to buy them slowly because they take a wallop to the wallet in bulk. It diminishes the perceived value of my purchase when I already know what's going to happen, and quite frankly turns me off to the idea of completing the story.

So please, can we keep the Penvincipals contained to Invincible and his pals?

Thank you for understanding,

Alex Sanchez  
Walnut Creek, CA

**Fair enough...I'm not sensitive to spoilers, I will try to be more so...**

**...but since you are already spoiled, let's talk about that character's death...**

*No, let's not. Hear you loud and clear, Alex... no more TWD spoilers will be printed in this book. Pretty crazy when Kid Thor died in GUARDING THE GLOBE #6, though... wasn't it?!*

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**Time to go bye-bye. See you next month, folks.**

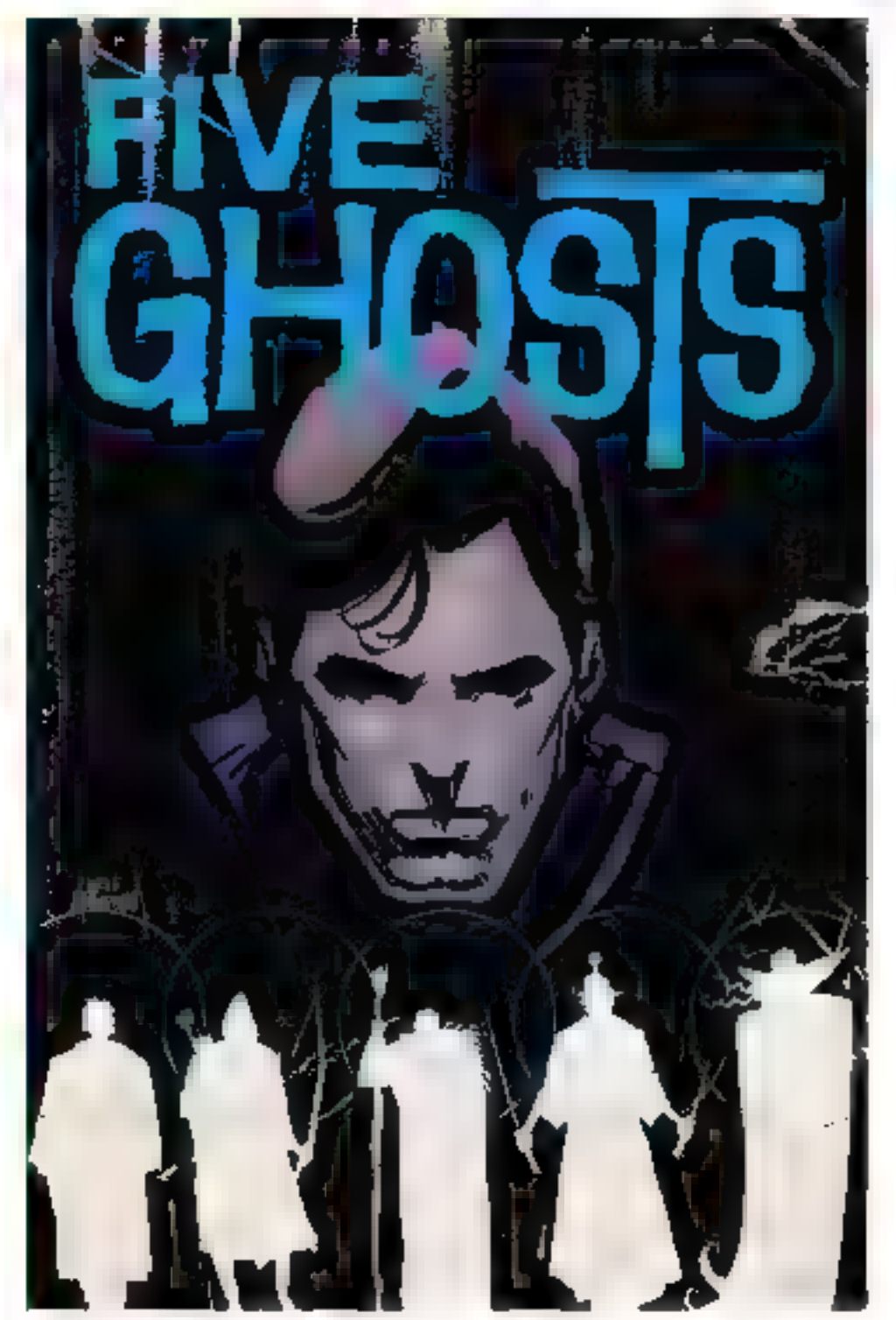
**-Sean Mackiewicz**

*I'll see you next month as well. Rock on party people!*

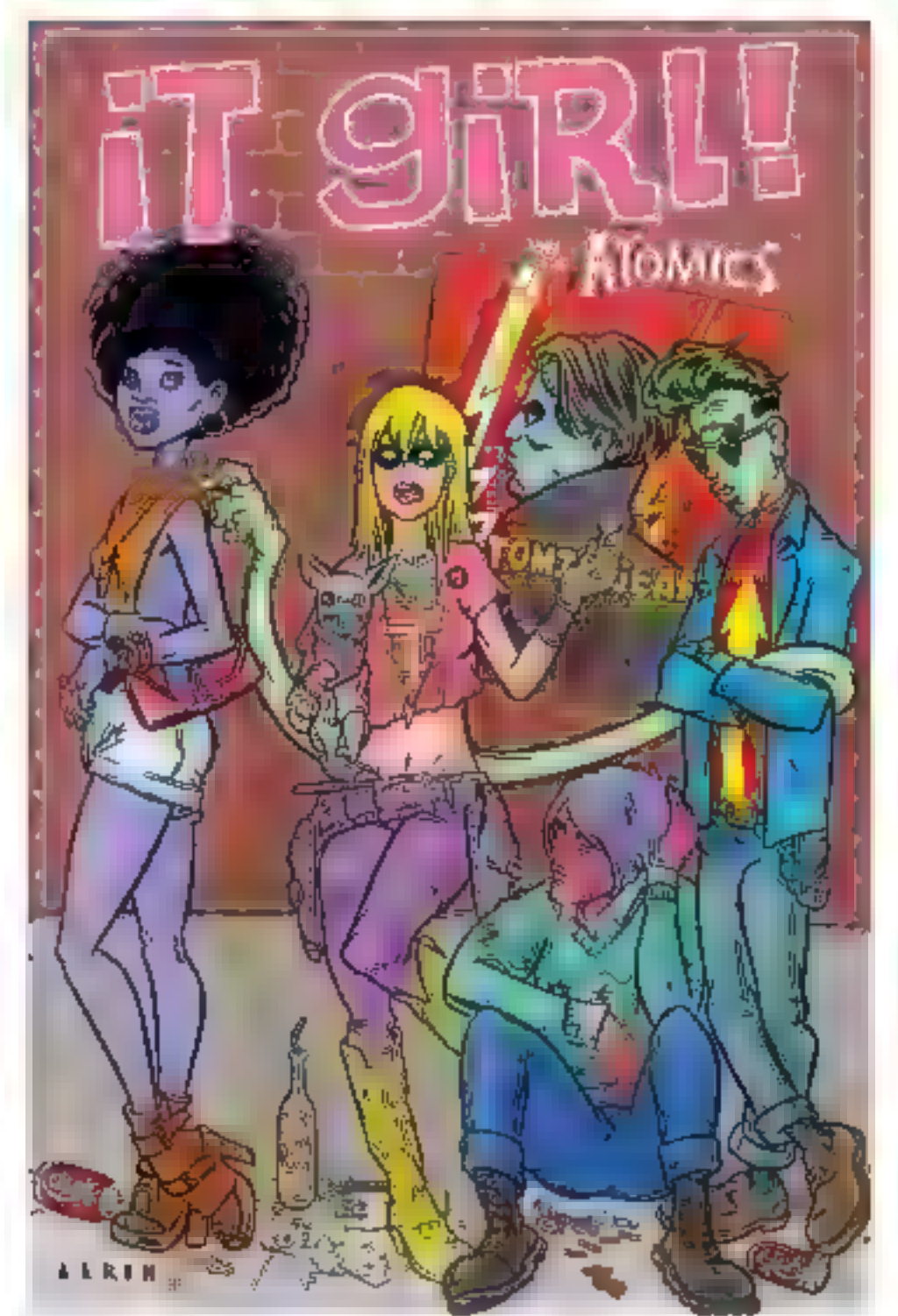
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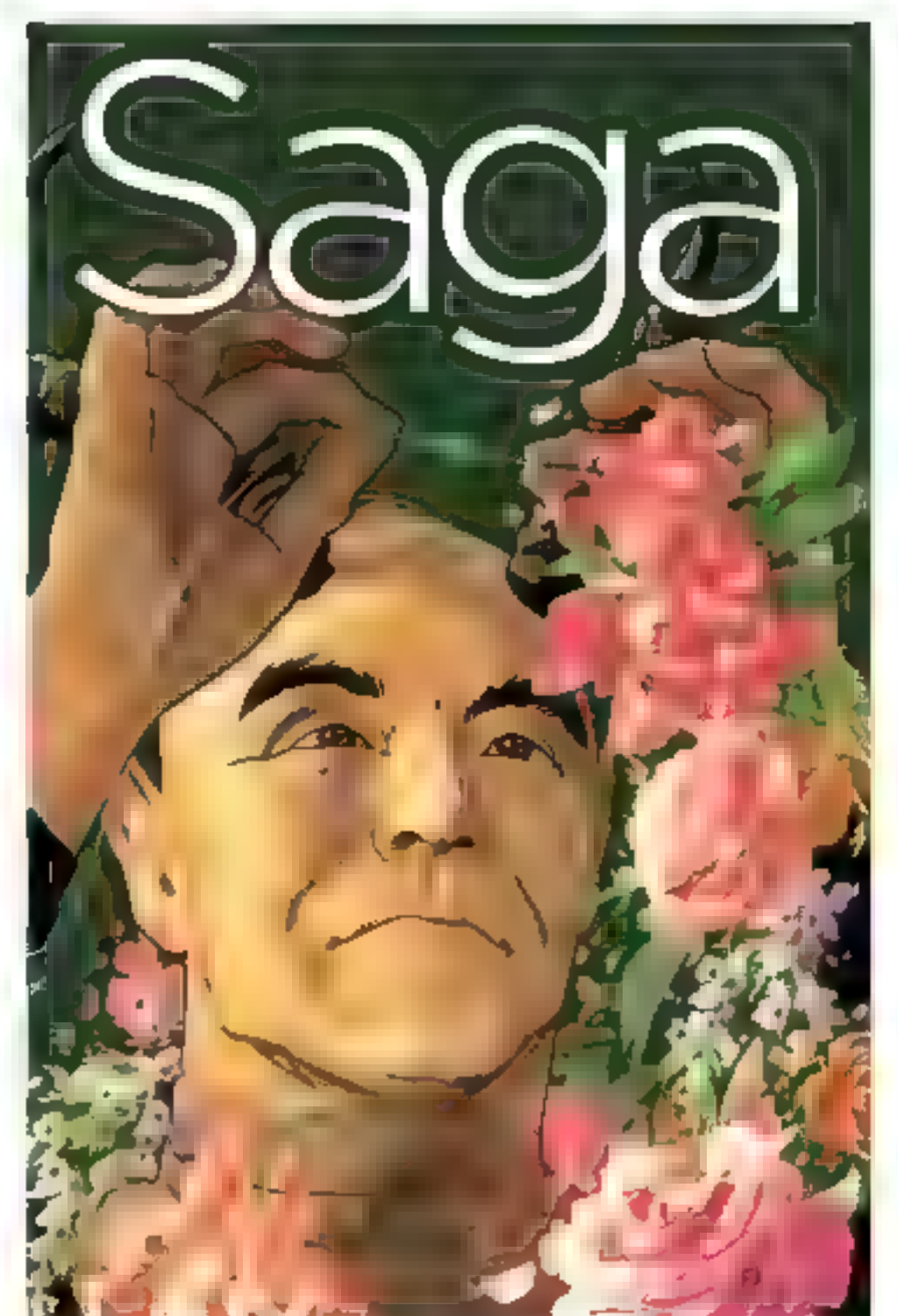
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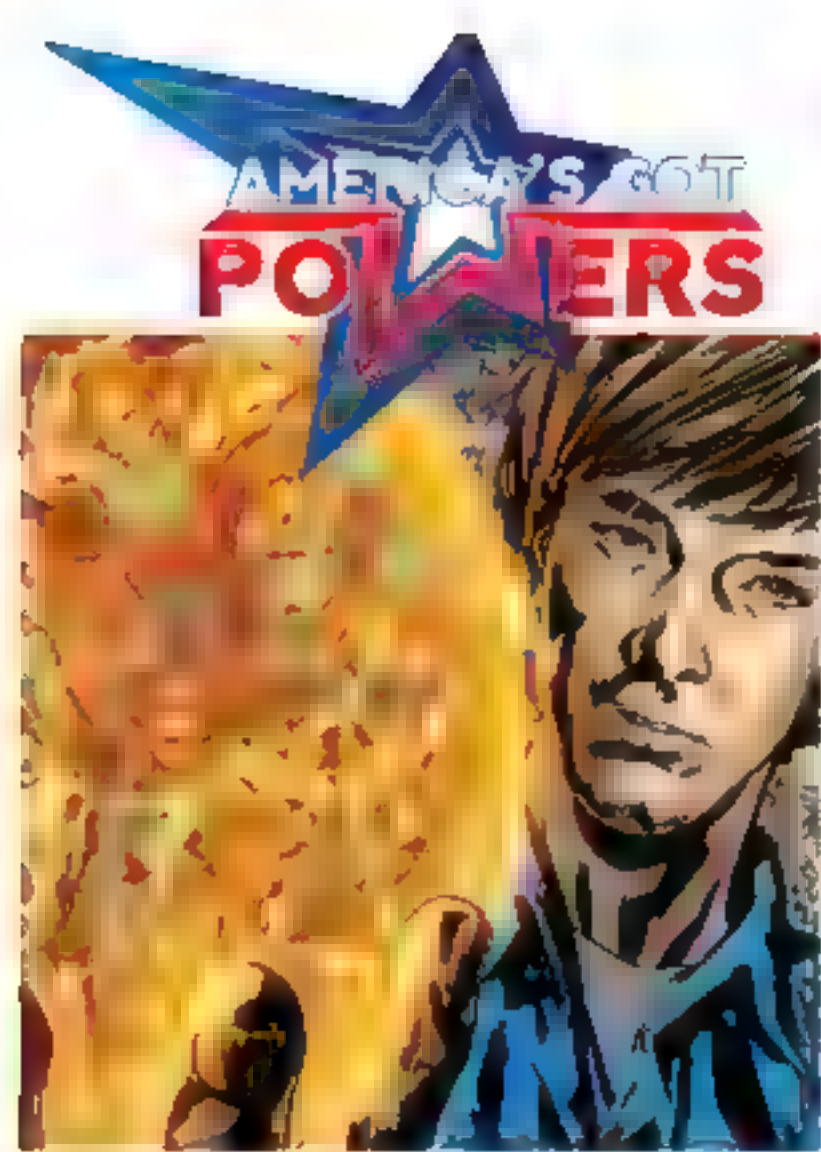
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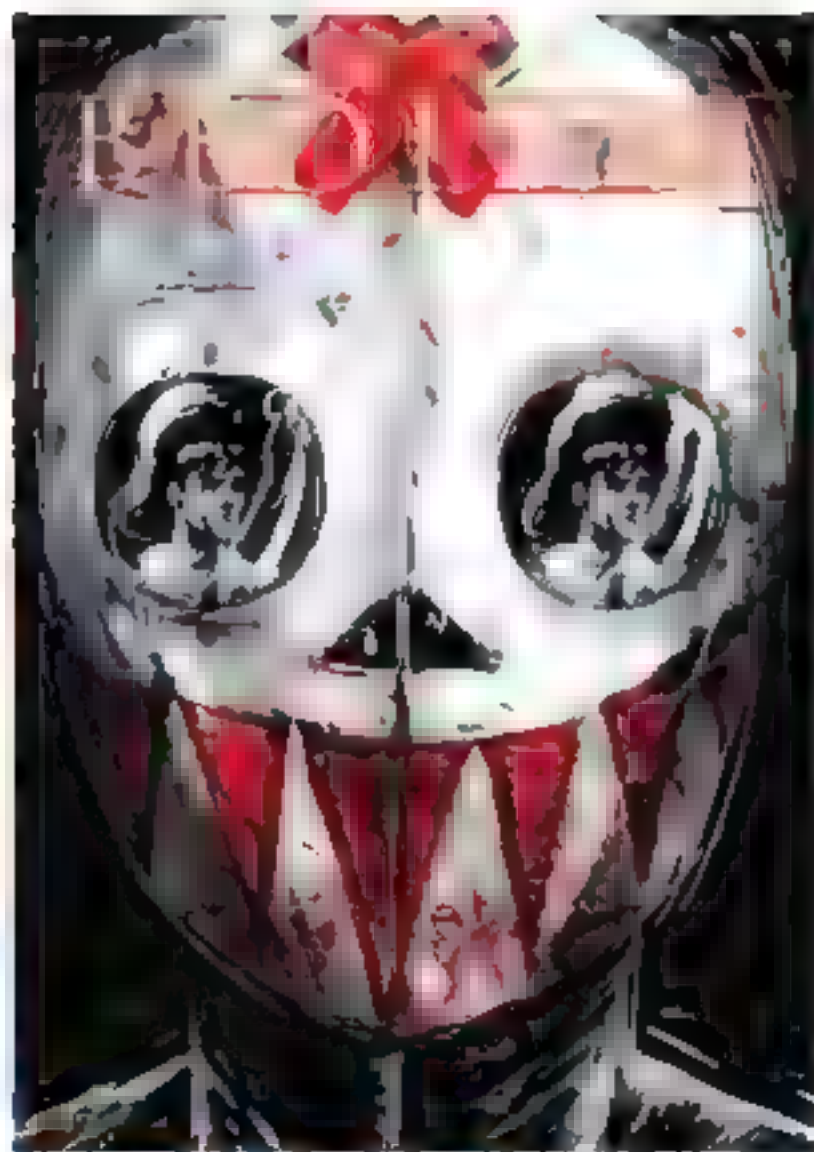
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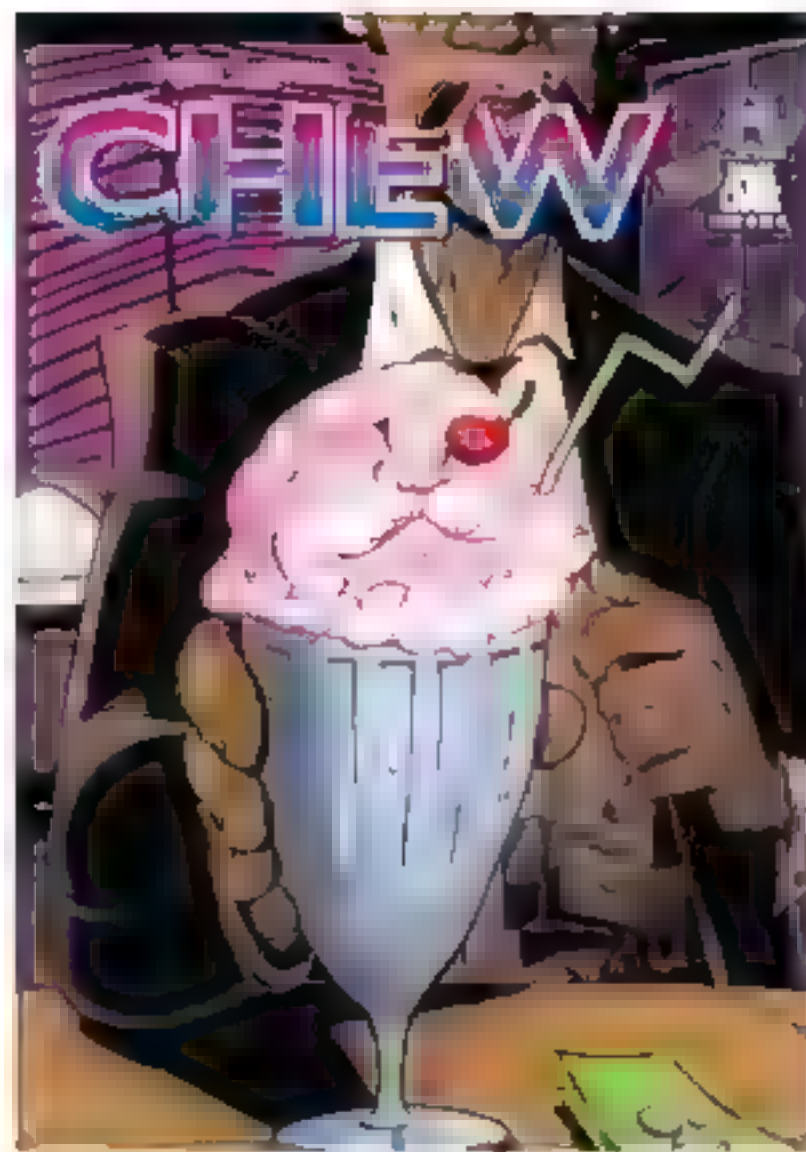




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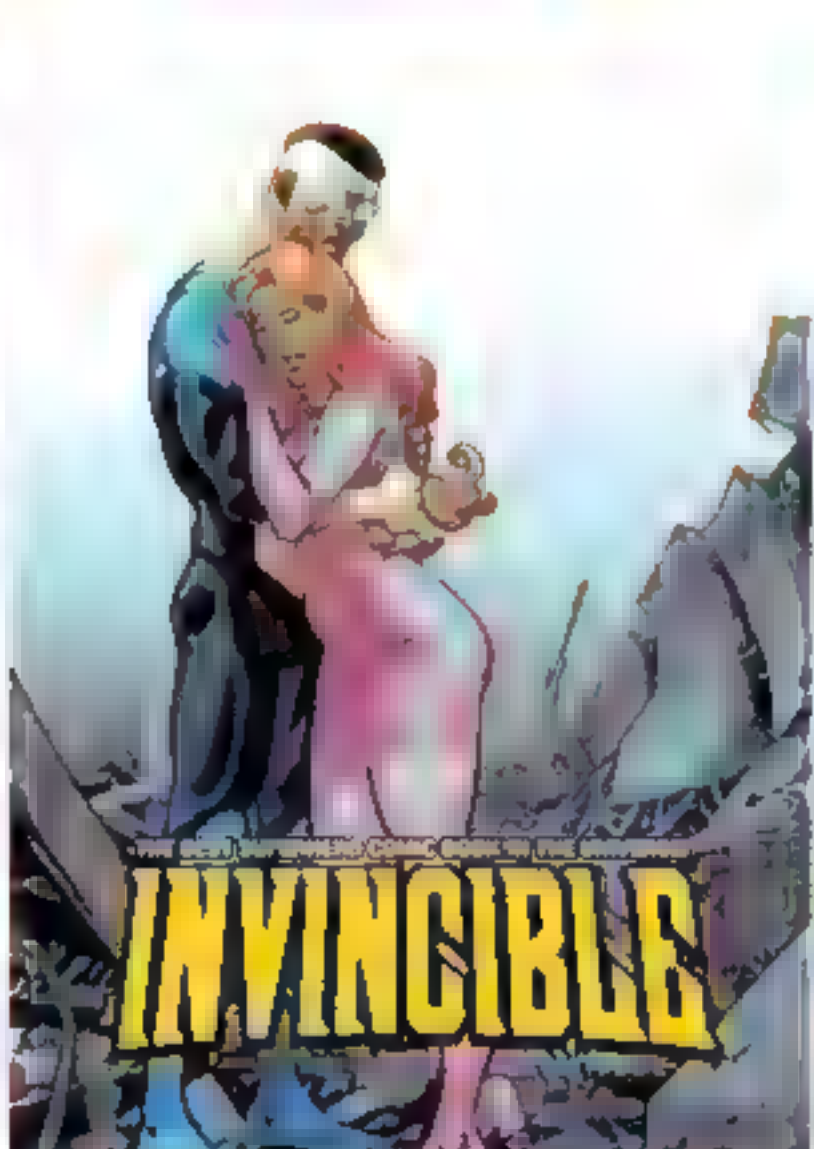
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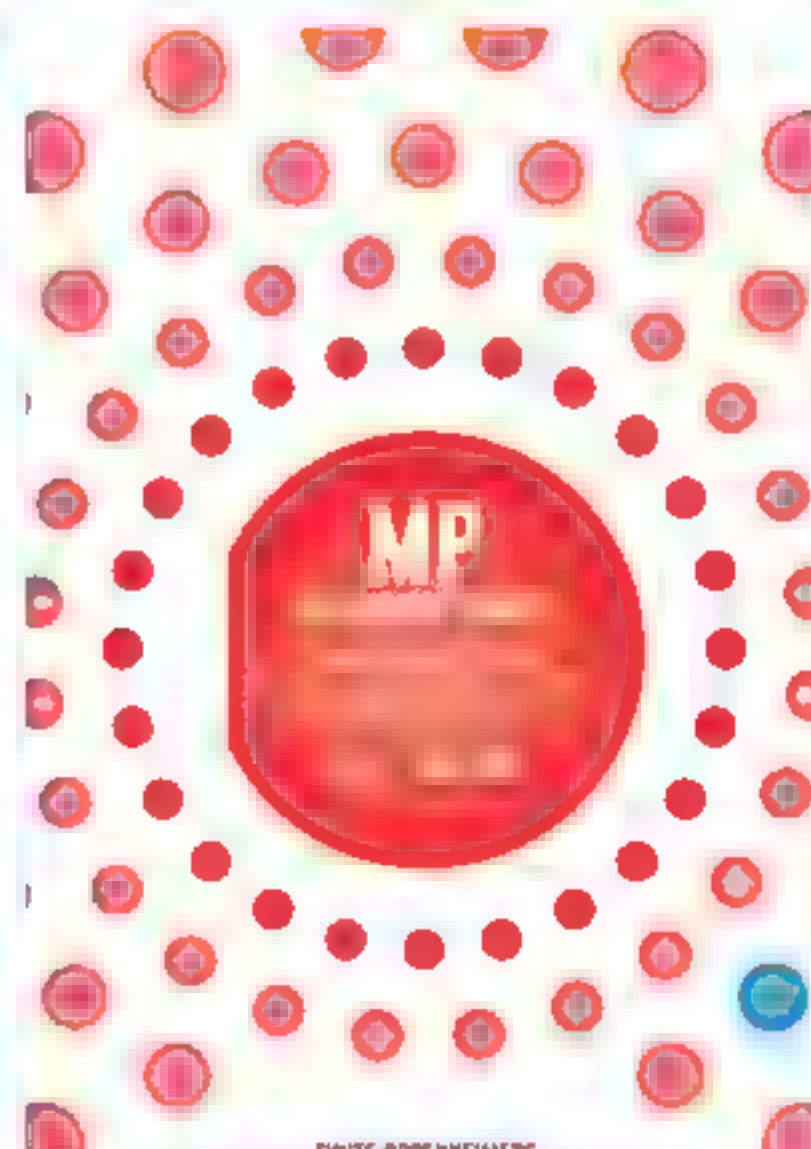
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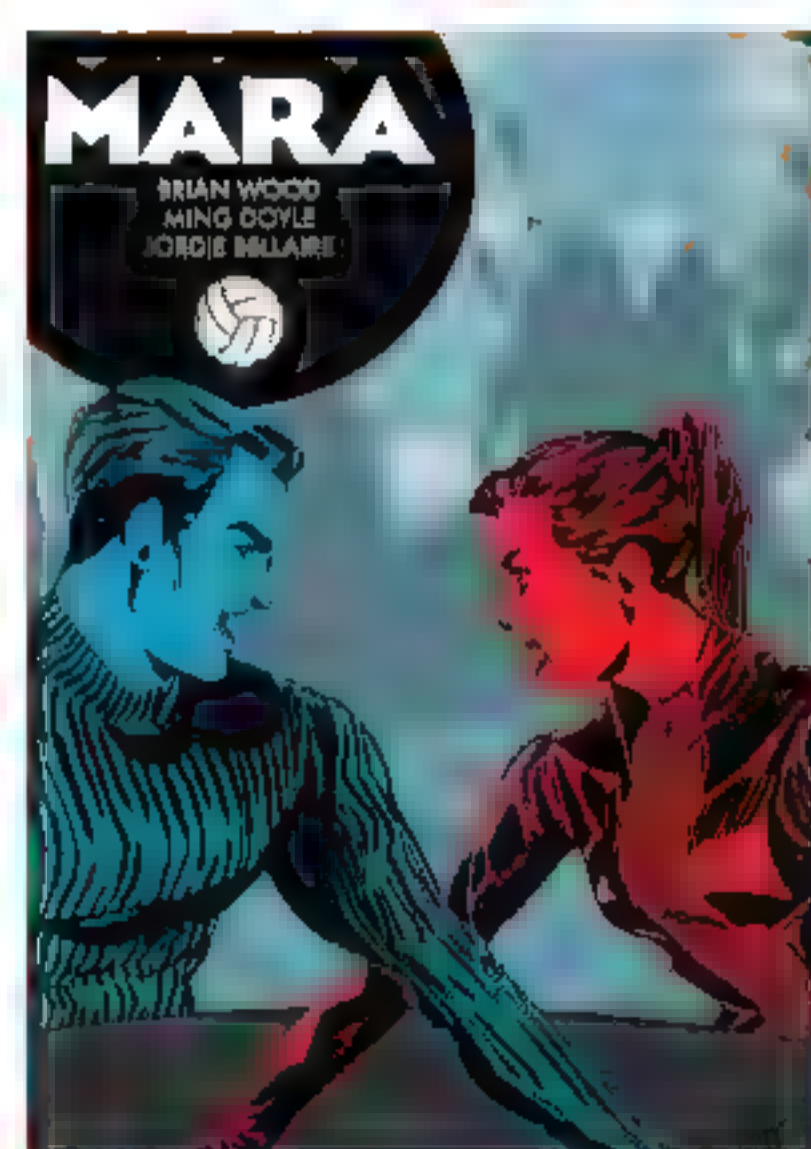
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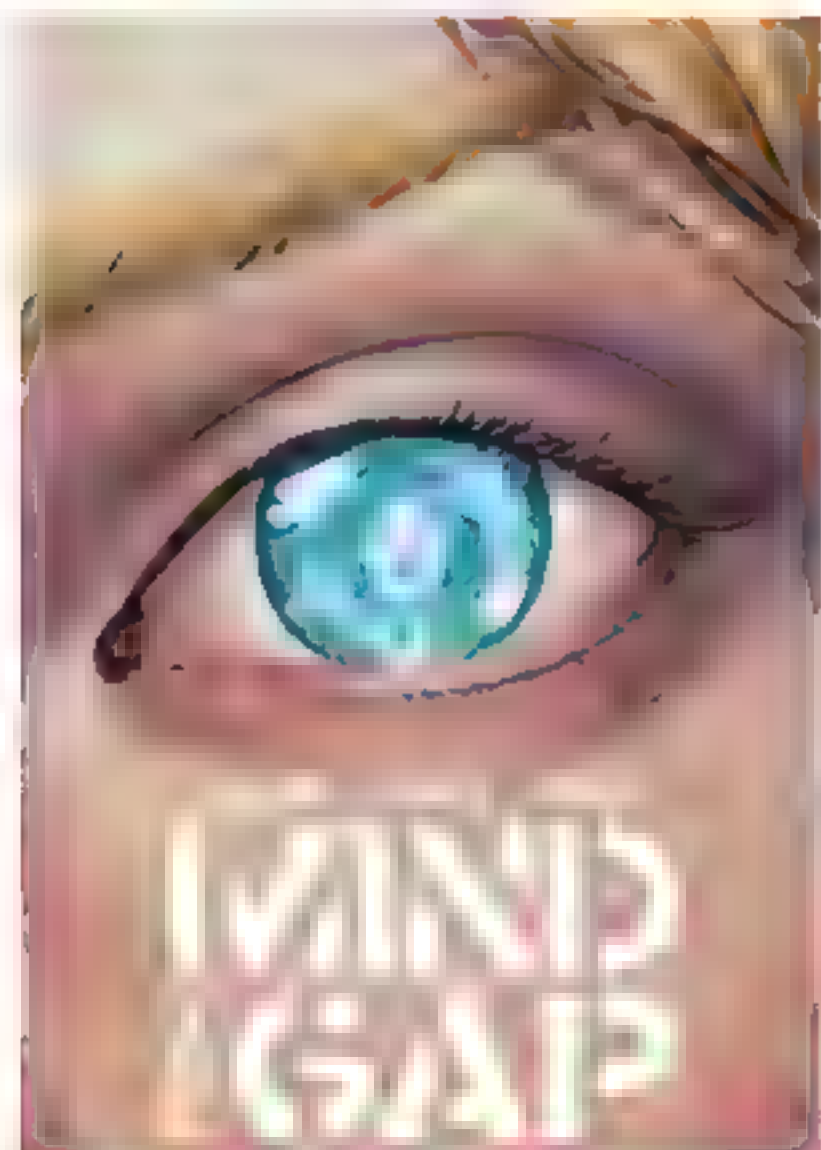
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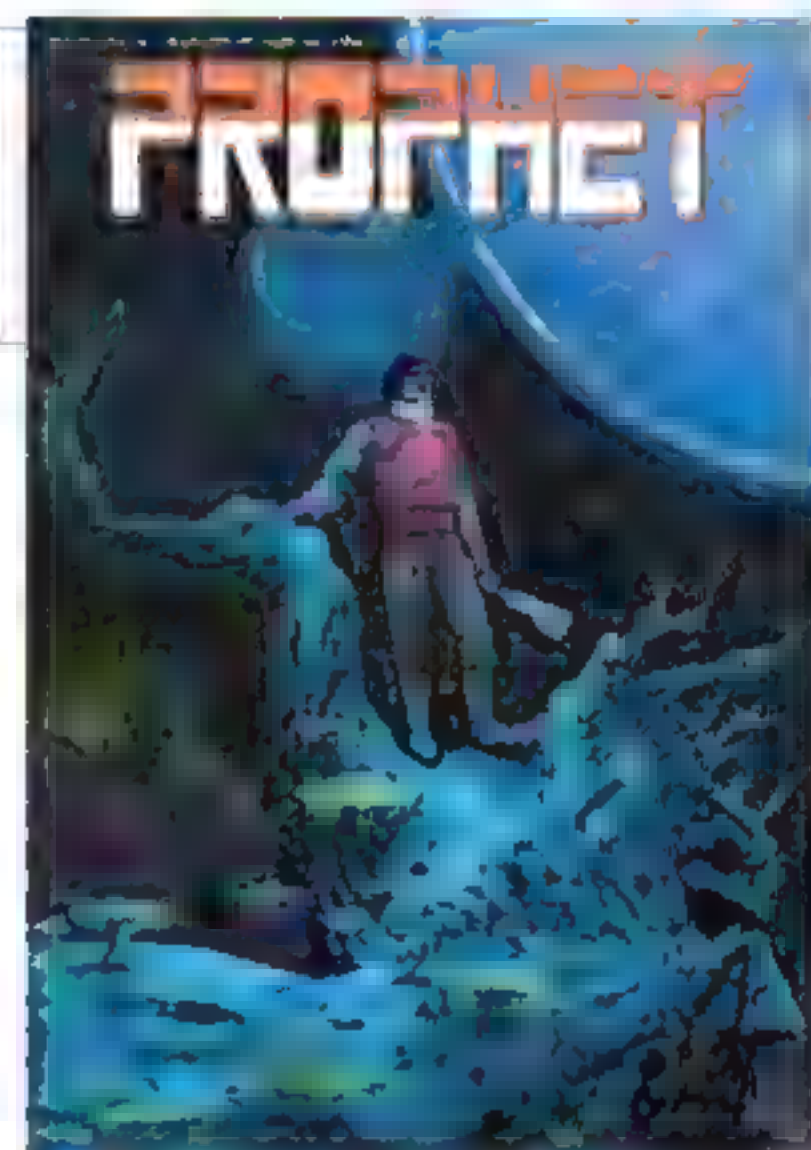
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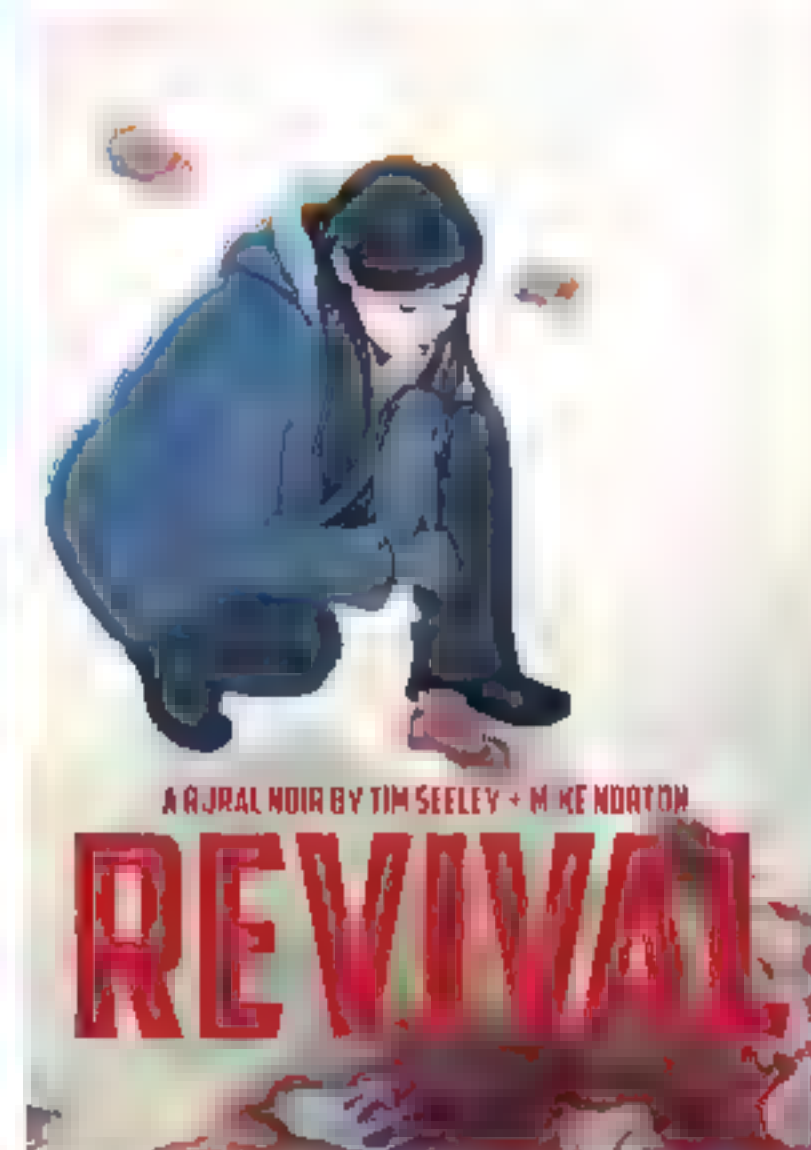
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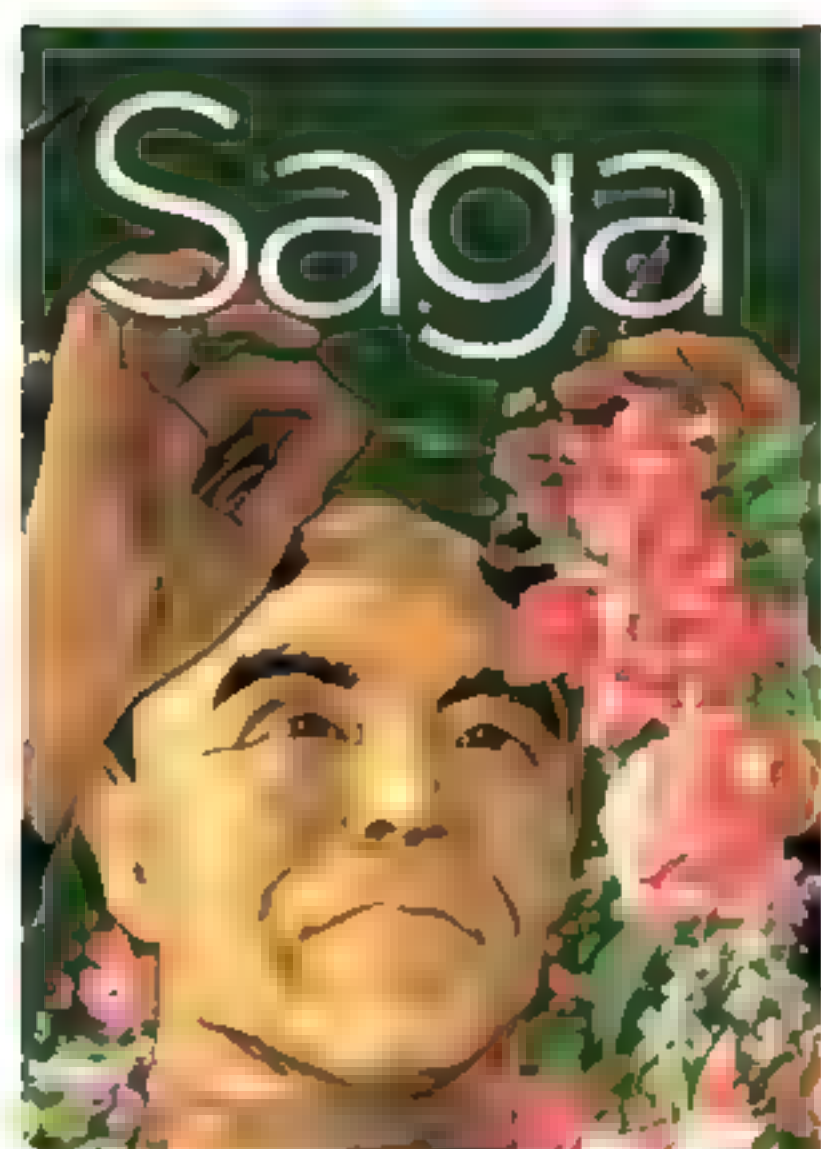
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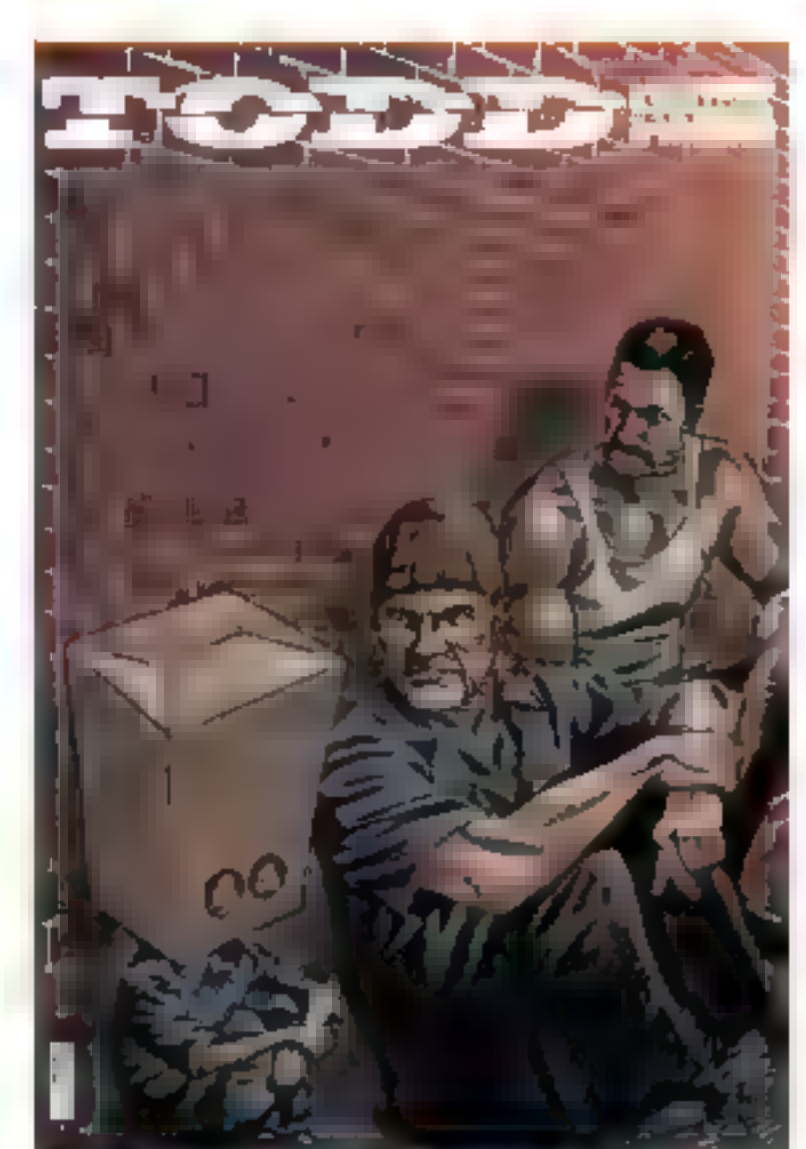
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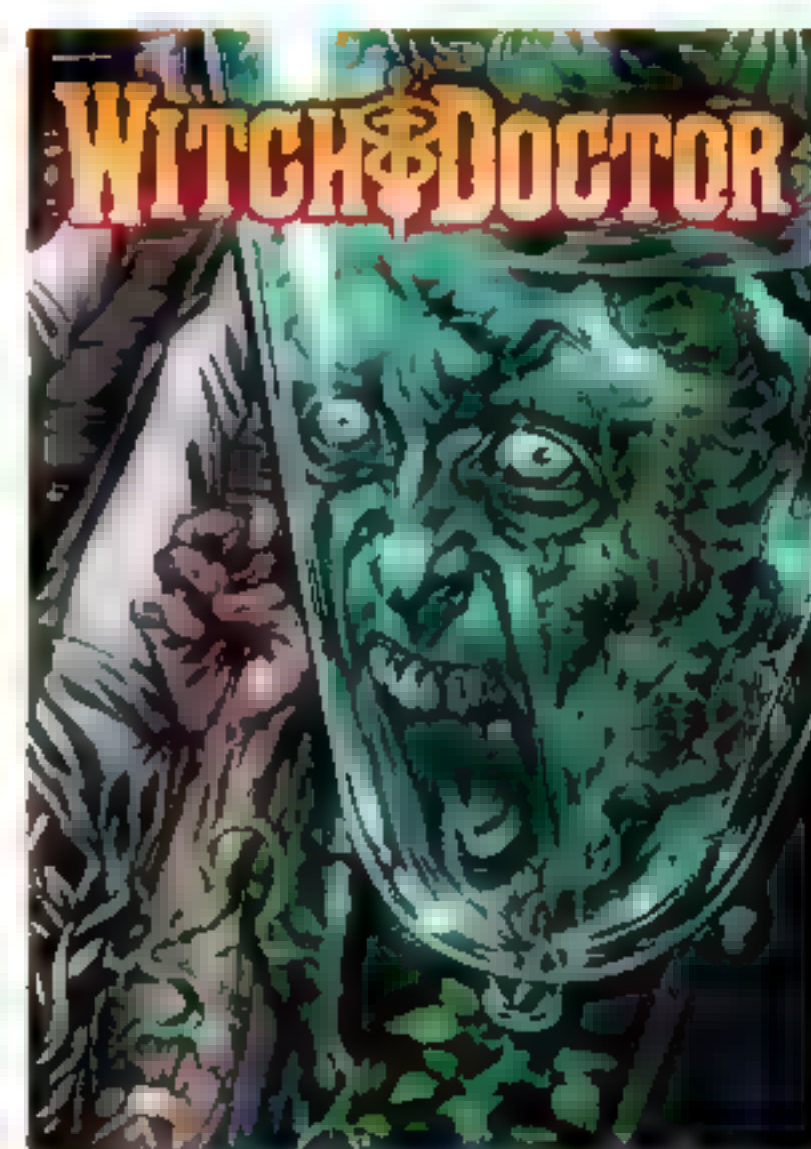
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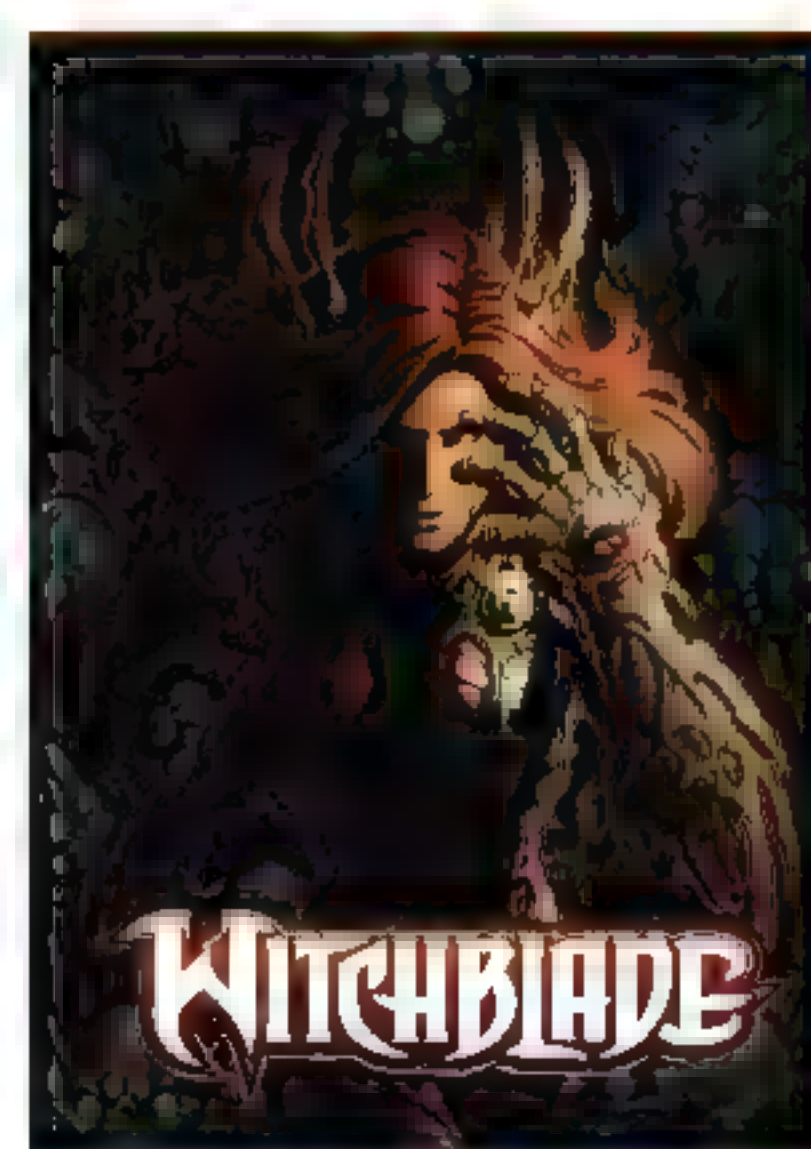
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# What They're Saying About...

## BLACKACRE

"It was a testament to Duffy Houdreau's writing that he was able to incorporate the degree of political commentary that he did while establishing the world and the characters of the story, as well as the plot itself. It's a separate testament to the fact that those characters, that world and this story are so good that once the series' philosophical impetus was removed, it was prepared to stand on its own."  
- *Bloody Disgusting*

## CHANGE

"Change is a difficult book. But it never forgets that it is entertainment – there is always something interesting and strange going on... Ales Kot and Morgan Jeske are newcomers with energy, verve and bravery, but they work together with the confidence of old pros."  
- *Major Spoilers*

## DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

"Taking inspiration from the Mexican Day of the Dead... these stories centre on something other than grief, picking up on the otherworldly element inherent to the singular loss of a person. The result here is three distinct and excellent stories, each remarkable in its treatment of the wild world that lies beyond."  
- *Multiversity Comics*

## THE END TIMES OF BRAM AND BEN

"The End Times of Bram and Ben is a hilarious comic book that is expertly structured and beautifully drawn."  
- *IGN*

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## WHAT'S NEXT



Joe Casey started his professional comics career at Marvel and has also worked for Wildstorm, as well as producing an impressive array of creator-owned comics, including *GØDLAND*, *OFFICER DOWN*, *THE MILKMAN MURDERS*, *ROCK BOTTOM*, and *BUTCHER BAKER THE RIGHTEOUS MAKER*. He is a member of the Man of Action creative collective, which created *Ben 10* and *Generator Rex*. March's *SEX* is the first of Casey's Image titles to be released in 2013. He'll follow up with *THE BOUNCE* in May.

**What are you working on right now?**  
*SEX*, *THE BOUNCE*, the *GØDLAND FINALE*. Conveniently, all Image comics. Plus, a bunch of TV shows.

**What's the best part of your job?**  
Actually having it.

**What's the worst part of your job?**  
Listen, if there's a downside to making comicbooks, I haven't found it yet.

**How did you first discover comics?**  
Pretty sure it was seeing *Spider-Man* on TV and then seeing a comicbook on some 7-11 spinner rack. I put two and two together and got my folks to buy it for me. I was hooked from Day One.

**If you weren't working in comics, what would you be doing?**  
I'd like to think I'd still be making comics. It's kinda like breathing to me.

**What's the best thing a fan has ever said to you?**  
"You're much better looking in person."

**Who is the biggest influence on your work?**  
Can I count myself? Because without me, there would be no work. How's that for existential...?

**What is the single work of which you're most proud?**  
Not so much a single work... more the fact that I've been doing it consistently for the last 15 years.

**Own up to one of your guilty pleasures.**  
Filling out questionnaires like this one. It totally gets me off.

**What was the last comic book you bought?**  
Does BACK ISSUE Magazine count...?

**If you could be someone else for a day, who would it be?**  
I'd be the guy who discovers the secret to immortality.

**What's the strangest thing you have in your house?**  
Me.

**What makes you laugh?**  
The idea that anyone might actually be reading this...

**What is one of your favorite places?**  
The original Great Escape, Nashville, TN. R.I.P.

**What music are you listening to these days?**  
Lots of loud guitar rock. As usual.

**What is your favorite film of all time?**  
Anyone who can name just one favorite doesn't watch enough films...

**Who is your best friend?**  
That's a bit personal, isn't it...? Don't worry, I have one.

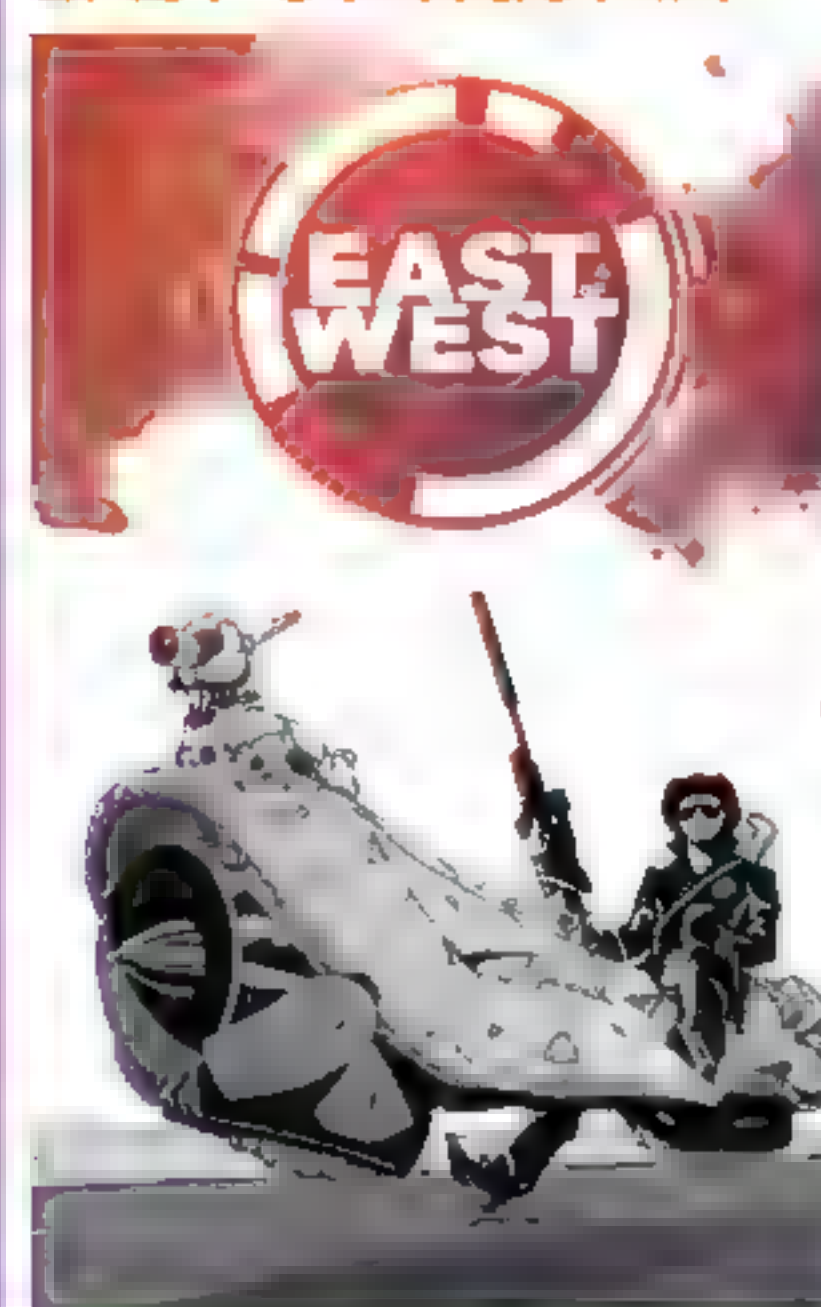
**What is the best advice you've ever received?**  
Never to follow anyone's advice.

**When was the last time you were truly frightened?**  
When I saw how many questions there were on this questionnaire...!

**Who is someone you really admire?**  
Whoever thought of these questions. I can't help but tip my hat to them.

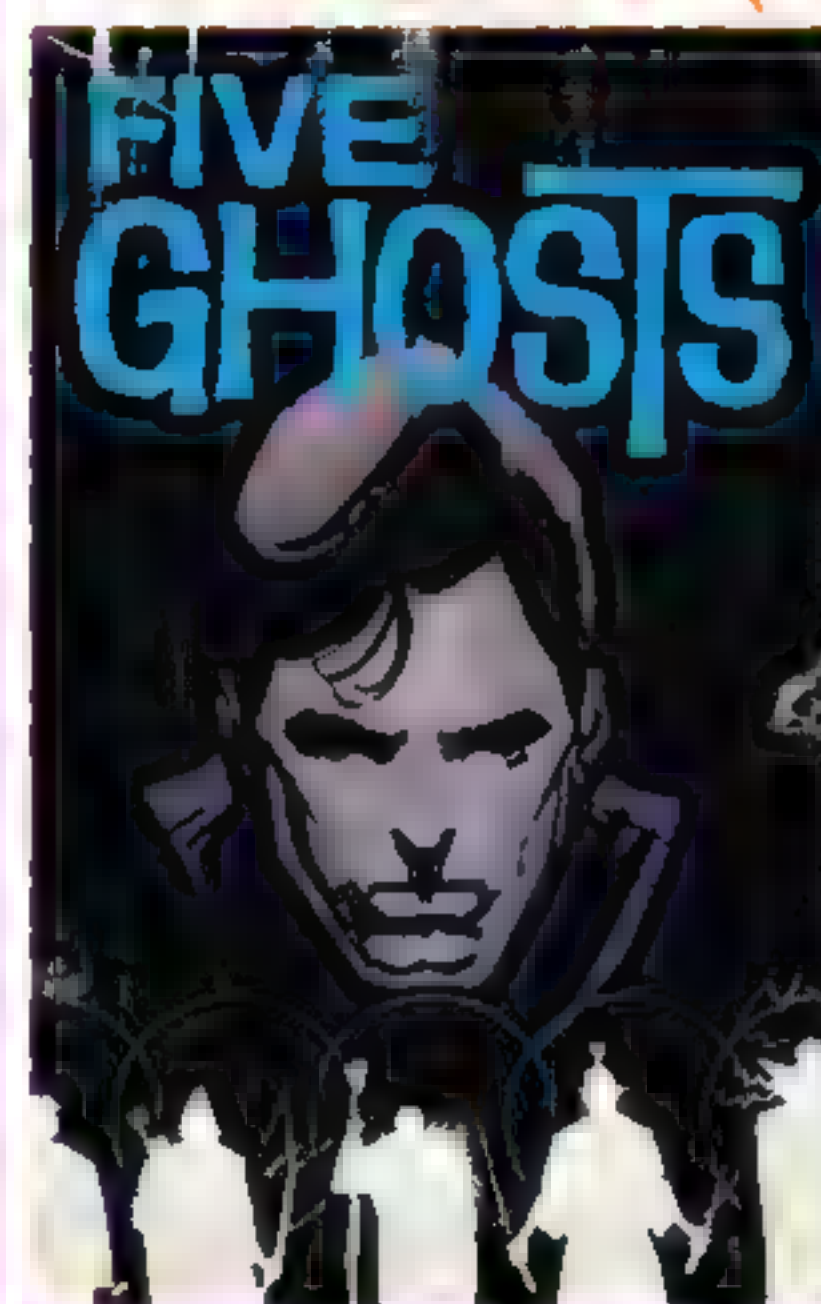
**What would you like to see happen in comics in the next 12 months?**  
That I make more of them.

## EAST OF WEST #1



The things that divide us are stronger than the things that unite us. In 19th-century America, when all hope for the future rests in the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse... who just happen to be trying to kill the President of the United States. One of the most exciting new books of the year, *EAST OF WEST* is a brand new comic from the award-winning team of Marvel's *FE* **WILLIAM MCKINAM** and **NICK DRAGOTTA**.

## FIVE GHOSTS #1 (OF 5)



After a tragic encounter with an artifact known as "The Dreamstone," infamous treasure hunter Fabian Gray was possessed by five literary ghosts and has been granted access to their unique abilities. Join writer **FRANK I. BARBIERE** and artist **CHRIS MOONEYHAM** for the most exciting debut of 2013 as they introduce you to a unique world full of action, black magic, exotic locales, and literary allusion!

## LOST VEGAS #1 (of 4)



The *ESCAPE* JOURNAL, winning home of the *ESCAPE* & *JANET LEE* comic book series, is back with a new twist and a new look. *LOST VEGAS* has 24 hours to go all in and pull off the greatest heist the universe has seen. Aboard this luxurious casino-filled traveling space station you will find the highest stakes games from every corner of every planet, unheard-of winnings, and the greatest attractions anywhere!

## SEX #1



Finally, a good reason for you come in the comicbook store – to buy *SEX*! Simon Cooke has retired from his own "alternative lifestyle" and returned to the city he'd previously sworn to protect. Now he's just another average citizen – or is he? The term "adult" has never been so appropriate as it is when it applies to *SEX*.

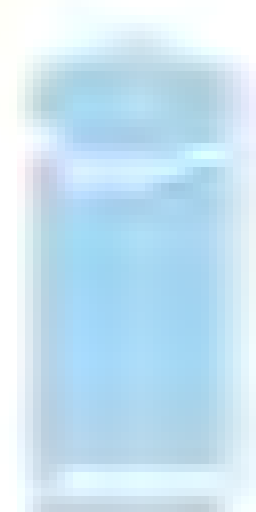




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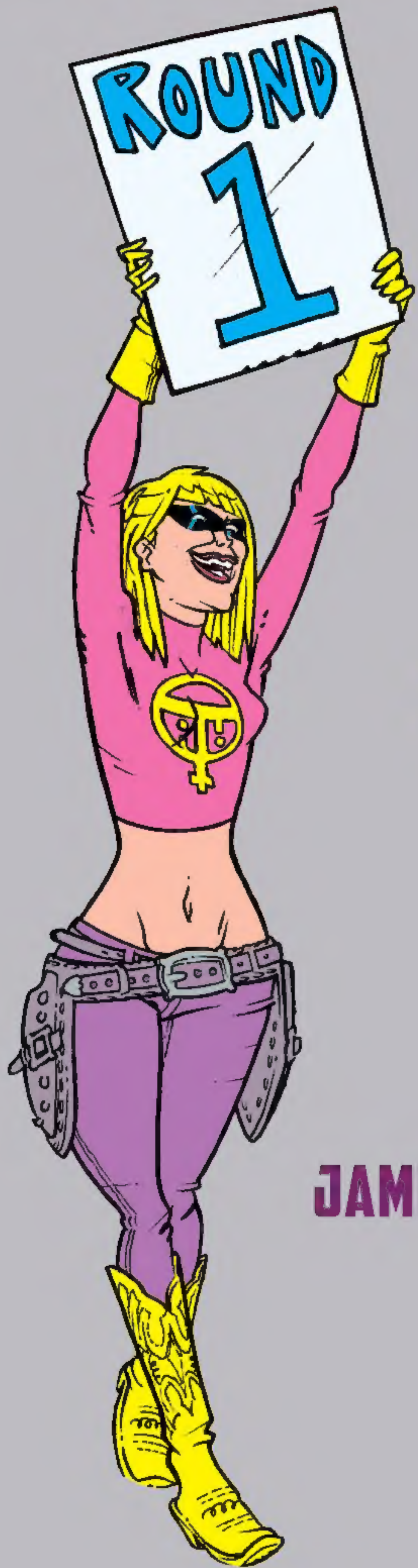
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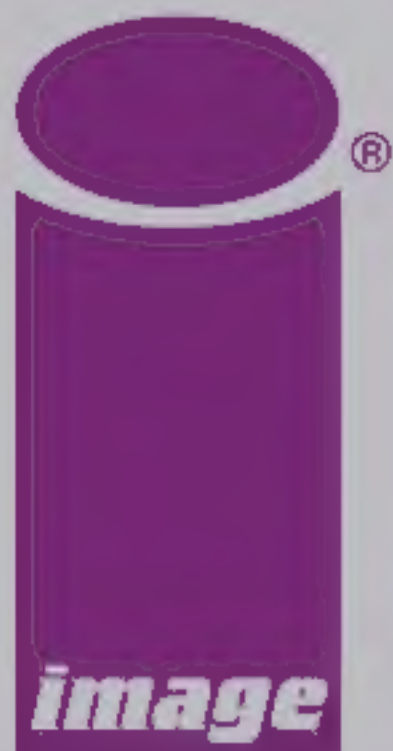
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and listening to the Ramones."  
- Kelly Sue DeConnick  
(Captain Marvel)

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action, and a lovable cast of weirdos. I dig it."  
- Fiona Staples (Saga)

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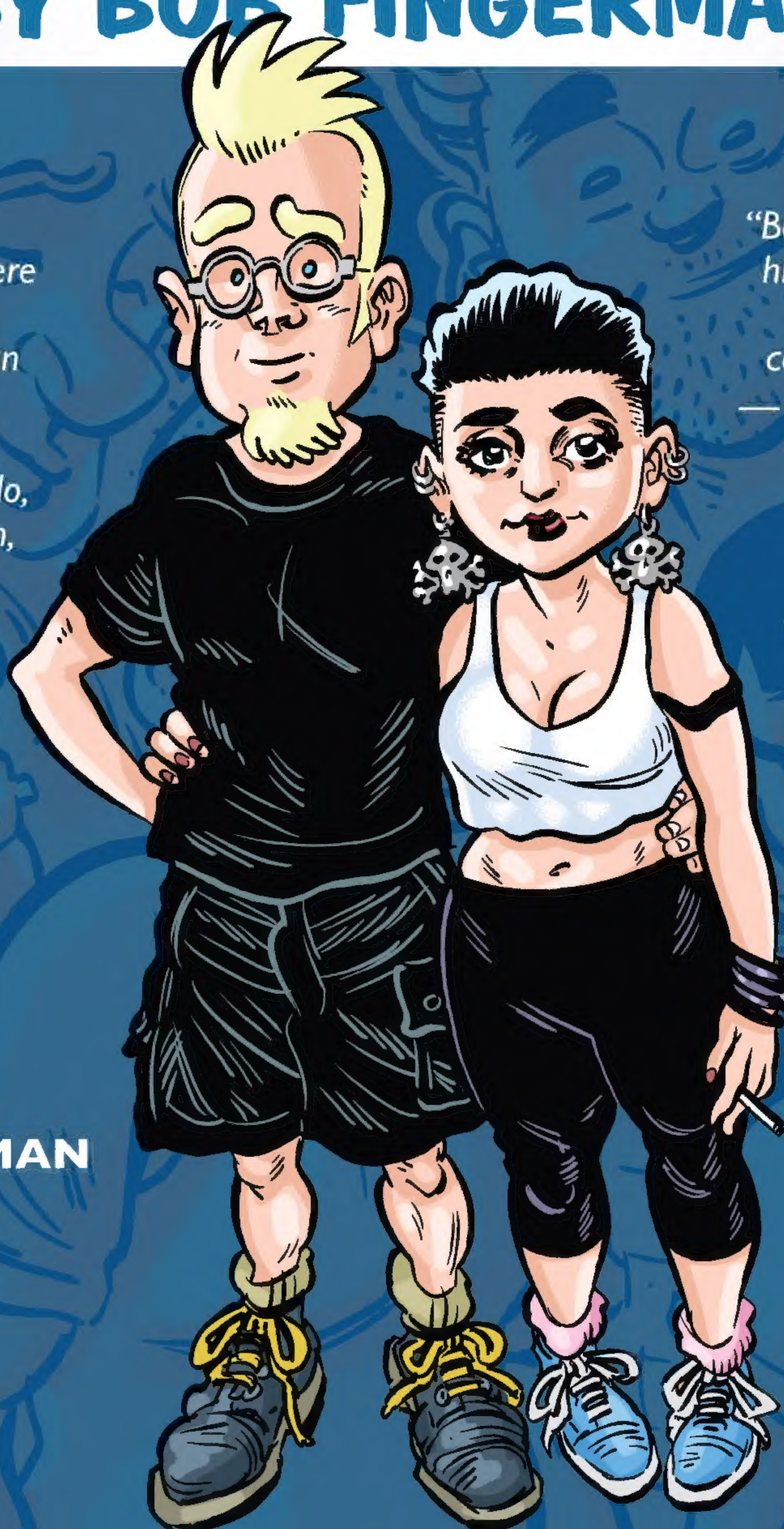
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AMC's Talking Dead)

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